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WEEKDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yammat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	2.50	5.10	6.20
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.10	3.10	5.30	6.40
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	1.05	2.20	3.20	5.40	6.50
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.51	9.16	10.21	11.11	1.11	2.26	3.26	5.46	6.56
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Shamshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.50	9.55	10.45	12.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.55	1.05	2.20	3.20	5.40	6.50
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THE NEW STRAND ARCADE.

BUSINESS MOVING WESTWARD.

With the news that what was lately the Grand Hotel is now to be turned into offices and that a new shopping arcade is to be cut through its base, from the Strand to Northumberland Avenue, comes a reminder of the drift—or, rather, growth—of the business community westward, and an indication of a change which is taking place in our shopping habits. As to the former, following upon that link between east and west: Kingsway, business has already invaded Bloomsbury, and the great homes of Thackeray's merchant princes in Russell-square now resound to the rattle of the typewriter. This does not mean that the centre of interest is moving from the City. It simply means that the City has no room for the great commercial houses who measure floor space by acres rather than square feet.

Popularity Of Arcades.

As to the growth of the arcade, it is certain that a great deal of its success is due to the fact that the shopper can therein buy a number of different things under one roof, safe from the vagaries of our weather. The Continental idea of the arcade is somewhat different from ours. There, as in its most famous example, the Rue de Rivoli, Paris, the arcade is literally an arcade; that is, a succession of arches, generally along the kerb supporting the building over the pavement. The rare example of this in London is in the Ritz Hotel. Piccadilly, and the finest in England is in the somewhat neglected arcade that runs along the river front at Liverpool.

The columnar arcade (where columns, instead of arches, fringe the pavement; sometimes in the form of a verandah), is very popular abroad. Probably the finest in Europe—if not in the world—is the Via Ventù Settembre in Genoa, which is two-thirds of a mile in length, and has arcades containing shops both sides of the way from one end to the other. It is the most important shopping street in Genoa. In this respect Adderley-street, Cape Town, is similar. Here the arcades project from the face of the buildings, and its ends are little to the charm of Adderley-street to be able to take tea on these arcades and watch the busy crowd below. The all too famous Regency Arcades that lined the old Regent-street Quadrant were like this.

Mysterious Charm.

The new arcades of London are different. They are generally private thoroughfares cut through buildings from one street to another. Covered over, brightly lit, yet with a mysterious charm, and with a good range of commodities in the neat little shops, they can do much to simplify the difficulties of shopping. Such a one is the Burlington Arcade, or the Piccadilly Arcade, or the very charming Royal Opera Arcade, that runs from Pall Mall to Charles-street. Here one may indulge in the fancy of gazing in real shop windows, of buying a number of things, safe from the weather and the traffic. There is a large new arcade, with handsome bronze hanging lamps, at the Oxford-street end of Regent-street. There are several round London, and a lengthy and most tortuous one in Birmingham, whilst the new Charing Cross arcade will be not only one of the largest, but will serve incidentally as a useful short-cut from the Strand to Northumberland Avenue. The arcade, to be a success financially, should be on a natural line of communication from one important street to another. To attain interest and artistic charm, it should be dead straight, and not too wide, the shops should be not too large, and should have bow fronts of similar design throughout, and a large number of lamps of good design should be suspended in a straight line down the centre.

TURNING WOOD INTO METAL.

WONDER MATERIAL FOR AIRCRAFT.

MAGIC BATH.

I have examined what may possibly prove to be the most revolutionary invention in aircraft design since the Wright brothers first flew a heavier-than-air machine, writes the air correspondent of the Daily Express.

Mr. Vladimir J. Einstein, who is now staying in London, is the inventor of the process which, in its simplest terms, is to dip any substance in a metal bath. The result is an object which, it is claimed, is from five to ten times as strong as the original, is weather-proof, and of three times greater durability.

A noted engineer who accompanied me expressed himself satisfied that the project is worthy of further investigation.

Duplicates of the samples I saw are now in the possession of the Air Ministry. Their experts are the only people in the country in a position adequately to test the new process.

If the claims made by the inventor are substantiated, it is proposed to construct of this material the envelope of the new British semi-rigid airship now being designed.

"The metal bath is more than a 'dope,'" explained Mr. Einstein. "It becomes married to and an integral part of the core, hence there is no fear of shrinkage or expansion of the core causing the metal coating to part from the inner surface or to crack."

The truth of the statement was demonstrated by the fact that the grain of the wood core of a plate appeared plainly through the metal coating.

Engineers throughout the country will await the results of the experts' report with the greatest interest.

Mr. Einstein claims, in fact, to be able to build an airplane of half the present weight in a third of the present time, with double the factor of safety at little additional cost.

£23,000 LOST IN TWO YEARS.

INQUEST ON AN EX-GUARDSMAN.

CAPABLE AND FULL OF GOOD SPIRITS.

A remarkable story of an ex-Guardsman who spent a fortune of about £23,000 in two years was told at Westminster when Mr. Angley Oddie held an inquest on Allan J. Pauley (34), of Sidney-street, Chelsea, who received fatal injuries when crossing Knightsbridge at Albert Gate.

Pauley was identified by Captain Charles Burne, R.N., retired, of Charles-street, Knightsbridge, who said the man had been managing a business for him and he had been engaged recently in winding it up. Before he came to me Pauley was a man of independent means," Captain Burne said. "He served in the Guards and the Air Force in France during the war, came into a fortune and lost it."

Dancing Expert.

The Coroner—Did he run through it? Captain Burne—He ran through it in 1922 and 1923, I understand. Was it a large fortune?—He told me it was £23,000. Pauley went to Havana in Cuba, and put money in a tobacco concern," Captain Burne said. "I heard his story, and, knowing that he was a capable man, I took him into my employment."

The Coroner—He is supposed to have rushed across the street in a manner described as almost suicidal. Do you know any reason why he should have taken his life?—I do not. He was a most active man, and there was no reason. He was tremendously liked by everybody and was full of good spirits. At one time he drank, but during the last few months he had corrected the habit. His accounts were in perfect order.

Pauley was an exceedingly good dancer and wanted to go to the Riviera as a teacher," Captain Burne added. Pauley was going to assist him. He acquired his dancing ability through his social life. He had a flat in Paris for two years. The coroner adjourned the case for the attendance of a jury.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Central British School Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.
Yachting: 9th Championship Race for Racing Yachts.
Fanning Hunt: Hunt Ride, Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket: League:—Division I: University 1st XI v. Kowloon C.C. Division II: Club de Recreo v. R.A.O.C. v. Royal Navy.
Friendly Cricket: Navy v. H.K.C.C. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K. Garrison 2nd XI, Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.K. Police C.C.
Football:—H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields:—Seniors: China Athletic v. K.O.S.B. (Club ground); Club de Recreo v. H.K. Police (King's Park); R.A. v. South China (Sookunpo). Kick-off in each case at 4.15 p.m. Juniors: R.A. Reserves v. K.O.S.B. Reserves (Sookunpo); China Athletic Reserves v. South China "B" (Club ground); Scots Guards v. St. Joseph's "B" (Chatham Road); St. Joseph's "A" v. H.K.F.C. Reserves (St. Joseph's). Kick-off in each case at 2.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5–8.30 a.m.
Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Impromptu Concert, 8 p.m.
H.K. Football Club annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.
Elit Hall Concert and Dance, 9 p.m.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Gaucho"
World Theatre: "Blarney"
Star Theatre: "The Man Upstairs"

The Banvard Musical Company present "Mercenary Mary," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Principal: Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. and Europe via Siberia (President Van Buren). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Kamo Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Soochow), 5 p.m.
Sunday.

Sexagesima.
Lincoln's Birthday.
Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Republic at Peking.
St. Peter's Church annual meeting, after morning service.
Fanning Hunt: Meet at Sheung Shui, 8 a.m.
Golf: Junior Championship (second round), Fanning; Police v. Tai Koo match, Happy Valley, 9 a.m.
Yachting: Result of 3rd Championship Race for Cruisers.
Cricket: Mr. G. R. Sayer's XI v. Combined Schools XI, Civil Service Cricket Club ground, 11 a.m.
Theosophical Society: Lecture, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
"Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Music, 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."
World Theatre: "Barbara Frietchie."
Star Theatre: "Man Trap."

Monday.
H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (first day).
Entries close for H.K. Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show, 1 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5–8.30 p.m. (Sui Shield); Y.M.C.A. v. Queen's II. Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. Branch) meeting, 87, Des Voeux Road Central, 6 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."
World Theatre: "Barbara Frietchie."
Star Theatre: "Man Trap."

The Banvard Musical Co. present "Black Bottom Revue," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
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Tuesday.
H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (second day).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30–6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5–8.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 2nd XI v. 2/15th Punjab's, Marine Ground, 6 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

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RED ATTACK ON INDIA.

APPEALS TO THE
TERRORISTS.

TWO REVOLUTIONARY
MOVEMENTS.

[BY SIR PERCIVAL PHILLIPS.]

LONDON, Dec. 2nd.

Two revolutionary movements exist in India. One is the Communist offensive backed by Moscow and directed by British and Indian agents within the country. The other is the terrorist movement which until now has been aimed solely at "freeing" India from British rule.

Profiting by their experience in China, the servants of Moscow are now trying to make allies of the political terrorists.

China has been the favourite lair in recent Communist literature. Imaginary accounts of "victories" over British Imperialism have been broadcast through Indian "converts" in Russia's Far Eastern bureau at Canton and Shanghai. A few disaffected Sikhs who were induced to join the "Red army" at Hankow have been utilised as far as rigid surveillance of their activities has permitted—to issue appeals to their countrymen in India.

The police at Calcutta find in every incoming mail large quantities of Communist literature containing this strong Chinese tinge. Much of it emanates from the Press supported by M. N. Roy, the Indian Bolshevik who was trained at Moscow, and is regarded as the militant head of the movement for India.

So far as agents in India are concerned the Moscow Communists have been able to work much more freely through British disciples than those of Indian origin. They continue to send native graduates of their Communist college to India but sooner or later these dupes fall into and are crushed by the hands of the British. One such, a young man named a long and circuitous journey from Moscow, was arrested recently. Sant Singh, another Communist who was at one time with M. N. Roy in Mexico, is now in prison in Madras.

The National Minority Movement in Great Britain has been of considerable assistance to Moscow in India. Representatives of the so-called Labour Research Bureau in London who have come here have been rewarded by Indian Communists as valuable advisers. Allison, one emissary of the bureau, was arrested in Calcutta and sent to Bombay, where he was convicted and imprisoned for using a false passport.

Perilous Influences.

The Communists have used many arguments to persuade the political terrorists to join them. Opposition to the Royal Commission on reforms is now being utilised to this end.

These dangerous influences are so apparent at present that the recent action of the Governor of Bengal, Sir Stanley Jackson, in ordering the release of a number of Bengali terrorists who have been imprisoned or interned, has been strongly criticised by some officials who are responsible for internal security.

The police in Bengal have power under a special ordinance to detain all persons actively identified with the terrorist form of political agitation. It was not necessary that such prisoners should be brought to trial. An official said to me:

"The danger in releasing so many who have not satisfied us that they have abandoned their terrorist principles lies not so much in the possibility of their committing terrorist acts themselves as in spreading the virus of terrorism through the country. Some of these men are well known, and most of them are now popular heroes."

There is ample evidence that the terrorist movement is not dead. A dangerous Bengali from the United Provinces began a few months ago to organise new terrorist groups. The authorities raided a house he frequented at Deoghar (in Bihar and Orissa) in September and found revolvers, ammunition, and a book in cipher.—Daily Mail.

"AMERICA FIRST."

CHICAGO POLICEMEN FORCED
TO ENROL.

NEW YORK.

The rank and file of the Chicago police received a Christmas "surprise" of the wrong kind. According to the New York Times, all the members of the force, which numbers nearly 7,000, are being enrolled in the famous "America First" Association organised by Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson to stay the ravages of English influence in the Land of the Free. The subscription is ten dollars (\$20), but policemen who show a lack of enthusiasm for the cause are reported to have been notified that it will be "to their advantage to enrol."

WHERE WOLSELEY DIED.

CARDINAL'S REFUGE AS
SPORTS GROUND.

HIS UNKNOWN GRAVE.

LEICESTER, Jan. 25th.
Leicester Abbey, where Cardinal Wolsey told the abbot he had "come to lay his bones" when he bade farewell to all his greatness, is to undergo transformation.

For many years the Abbey grounds have been used as a farm—probably the only farm in the Midlands surrounded by a high stone wall—but now they have come into the possession of the Leicester Corporation, and are to be laid out as gardens and for recreation. Wolsey's body was laid in an unknown grave, and it is thought that in the excavations necessary to adapt the grounds to their new use, some trace of it may be found, but as there is no record of any of the Cardinal's possessions being buried with him, the search seems likely to end in failure.

One fact about Wolsey is probably not widely known. When he was at the height of his power he employed an Italian sculptor to make a magnificent sarcophagus beneath which he should lie. Leicester monks laid him to rest in plain earth, and Henry VIII. sequestered the sarcophagus with the rest of the Cardinal's vast possessions.

The sarcophagus remained Government property until 1866, when it was used to cover the body of Nelson after his remains were brought from Trafalgar.

FASHIONS AND SUGAR.

SALES DROP TO KEEP
WOMEN SLIM.

MODERN CRAZE.

The chocolate and confectionery trades are suffering severely owing to the modern woman's craze for slenderness.

The annual report of the Sugar Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce states that the longing to acquire a boyish figure has caused a greatly decreased turnover in these two branches of the trade.

Another indication of fashion's effect on habit is to be found in the fact that the imports into Great Britain of sugar candy and refined sugar fell last year by nearly 5,000,000 cwt. as compared with 1926, when women's craving to be slender at any price had not gained such ascendancy over her natural affection for sweet things. "Sugar is certainly fattening," said a physician, "but, as a matter of fact, it is not the most important item of the diet for women to sacrifice to fashion. They would help themselves more by cutting off pastry and potatoes."

A certain amount of sugar is essential—it is an excellent muscle food—and women should be warned not to overdo abstinence from it. Some of them, I have no doubt, actually overdo their avoidance of sugar.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUPEY, Feb. 9th.

Paris	134
Brussels	34.99
Amsterdam	12.10
Milan	92.05
Copenhagen	18.30
Vienna	34.50
Helsinki	193
Lisbon	2.5/16
Bucharest	782
Buenos Aires	47
New York	4.87/7/32
Geneva	25.33
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.15
Oso	18.31
Prague	104
Madrid	23.66
Athens	367
Rio	5.56/64
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Yokohama	1/11.32
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0.7/16
Silver (spot)	20
Silver (forward)	26.3/16

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Commercial Bank	£213 1/2 buy.
Merchants Bank	£213 1/2 nom.
Do.	£213 1/2 nom.
P. & O. Bank	£110 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$78 1/2 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$817 1/2 buy.
Union Insurance	\$305 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	M. \$46 buy.
China Underwriters	\$21 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$45 buy, 400 sell.
Do.	\$42 buy.
Steamships	\$201 buy.
H.K. Tugs	\$21 buy, 20 sell.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$38 nom.
Do.	\$40 nom.
Shell Transport	\$5 nom.
Waterworks	\$1 1/2 div. buy.
Benguet	\$21 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$4 buy.
Langkai (combined)	Tls. 18 1/2 nom.
Do.	Tls. 10 nom.
S'hai, Explorations	Tls. 2.85 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 6.10 nom.
Do.	\$4 nom.
Tonghai Mines	\$17 1/2 buy.
H.K. & W. Wharf	\$155 nom.
H.K. & W. Dock	\$474 buy.
China Provident	\$8 buy, 8.10 sell, 8.15 sell.
Hongkong	Tls. 133 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 5 buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 97 buy.
East Asiatic	Tls. 7.55 nom.
Oriental	Tls. 3 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 48 buy.
Do.	Tls. 23 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$35 buy, 34 sell.
H.K. Lands	\$85 x div. buy, 65 sell.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 133 buy.
Hampshire Estates	\$14 x div. buy.
Hong Kong Realities	\$8.90 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$11 sell.
Peak Tram (old)	\$14 nom.
Do.	\$14 nom.
Star Ferry	\$47 buy, 67 sell.
China Lights (comb.)	\$17.85 nom.
Do.	\$18 nom.
Do.	\$18 nom.
H.K. Electric	\$71 buy, 72 sell.
Macao Electric	\$1 x reg. buy.
Telephones	\$44/30 sell.
China Buses	Tls. 84 nom.
Singapore Traction	11/9 nom.
China Sugars	\$83 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$27 nom.
Canton Iron	\$4 buy, 41 sell.
Cements (combined)	\$110 sell.
Do.	\$110 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$14 nom.
Do.	\$14 nom.
United Asbestos	\$10 sell.
Dairy Farms	\$19 buy, 20 sell.
Watsons	\$12.30 buy.
Der A. Wings	\$8 sell.
Long Crawford	\$3.10 sell.
Macintoshes	\$22 sell.
Encaustic	\$9 buy.
H.K. Amusement	\$5 nom.
H.K. Power	\$21 buy.
H.K. Construction	\$14 nom.
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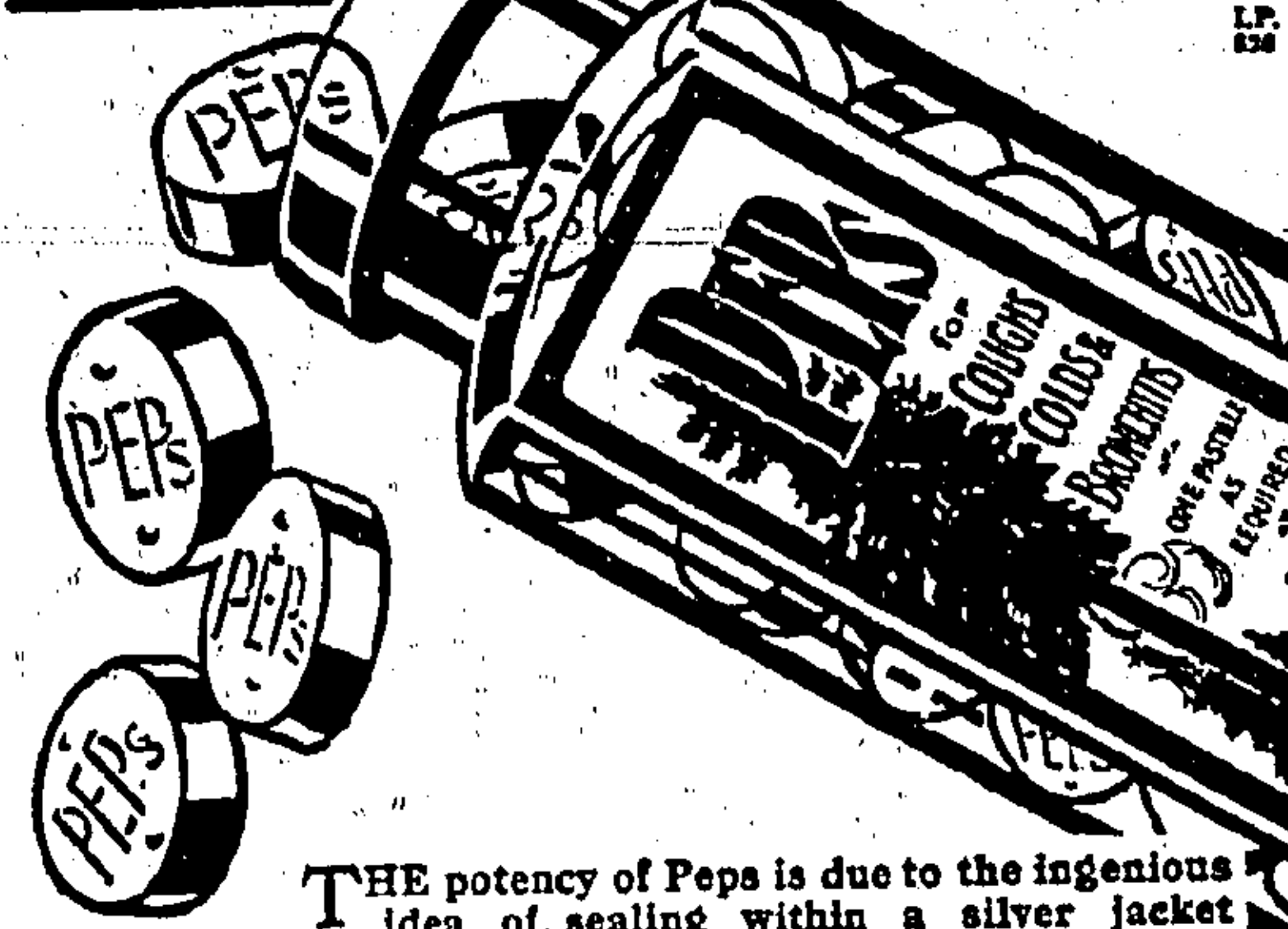
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QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPLY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Recey, Feb. 9th.
The question was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether in view of the fact that the Franco-German frontier had been guaranteed by the Locarno Treaty, the British Government would consider the evacuation of British troops from the Rhineland.

It was replied: "There has been no question of isolated withdrawal of British troops which would not in my opinion be to anyone's advantage in present circumstances. The general evacuation of the Rhineland before the period laid down in the Treaty of Versailles can only be the result of an arrangement between the Powers, whose troops are affected on the one hand, and the German Government on the other. If such an arrangement be possible it will be very welcome to the British Government. In this connection I would refer to speeches regarding the conditions on which anticipated evacuation might take place which were recently delivered by the French and German Foreign Ministers before the French Senate and Reichstag, respectively."

WATER FOR SUDAN.

QUESTION AS TO THE DAM AND RESERVOIR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Recey, Feb. 9th.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, regarding the construction of the Dam and Reservoir at Lake Tanna by the American capital, Mr. Lockyer, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, recalled that the Foreign Secretary had stated last November that no issue had arisen between the British and the United States Governments on this subject. Mr. Lockyer added: "I do not conceive it possible that it should give rise to any difference of opinion. There has, therefore, been no occasion for any exchange of views between the two Governments. The object of the British Government is to get a barrage constructed and worked on sound engineering lines and on conditions satisfactory alike to the Government of Abyssinia and the Governments of Sudan and Egypt, our primary interest being to secure additional water for Sudan."

SUBMARINE PROHIBITION.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE VIEW.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Recey, Feb. 9th.
The declaration of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, that his Government would be prepared to sign a treaty with all other Powers prohibiting the use of the submarines was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Lockyer, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "The views of His Majesty's Government in favour of the general prohibition of submarines were made known at the Washington Conference of 1921, and repeated by the First Lord of the Admiralty at the Naval Conference at Geneva last summer. They are therefore familiar to the United States Government. It is, of course, essential that the condition, as indicated in Mr. Kellogg's declaration, that the prohibition must be universal."

Asked whether the matter was going to be brought up at Geneva at the end of this month Mr. Lockyer said he did not know but the British Government were perfectly ready to reaffirm declarations which they had already made at Washington and Geneva.

"R100" FLYING BEFORE END OF SUMMER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Recey, February 9th.
The Secretary for Air was asked whether he could give definite dates for the launching of the airships R.100 and R.101. He said that he hoped both these airships would be flying before the end of this year. The R.100 would be flying before the end of the summer. Replying to another question Sir Samuel Hoare said that experiments in the United States with the neon gas beacon, for the purpose of emitting rays which penetrate fog for the guidance of aircraft, were being closely watched by the Air Ministry. A neon beacon was in fact in regular use as part of the landing system at Croydon. It was installed as long ago as 1924 and was the first beacon of its kind to be used for aviation.

CINEMA NEWS.

NEXT WEEK AT THE QUEEN'S.

Two very popular players, Ronald Colman the hero of "Beau Geste," and Vilma Banky, the beautiful Hungarian actress, will be seen at the Queen's Theatre next week in "The Magic Flame," from Wednesday to Saturday. Ronald Colman plays two roles, a clown and a count, and Vilma Banky is the trapeze artist with whom both are in love. Most of the story takes place in Baret's Circus on the coast of the Mediterranean. When the Clown has triumphed over the Count the scene moves to the Court of Myria where the Clown is accepted as King.

Last Day Of "The Gaucho."

Douglas Fairbanks' thrilling story of treasure, combat, intrigue and love in South America, "The Gaucho," which has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre all the week, will be screened for the last time to-day. Fairbanks as "The Gaucho" is a coloured figure. Attention is drawn to the special times for performances, 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. The picture begins promptly after the overture.

At The World And Star.

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Blarney" at the World Theatre, and "The Man Upstairs," at the Star Theatre. "Blarney" is a stirring tale of the days when men fought to a finish with bare fists.

"The Man Upstairs" is an exciting story concerning the adventures of a young couple who meet in London via the personal column of a newspaper. The girl asks the man to write her a series of interesting letters. When he invents a murder and is arrested for this imaginary crime the results are both thrilling and amusing. Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore are the leading players.

RUBBER AND MINING SHARES.

DIVIDEND AND QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on Rubber and Mining shares:—

Quotations.

Allenbys	92.70
Glenblyss	2.93
Jimaha	1.90
Kedahs	3.70
Malaka Pinads	2.10
Pajams	2.00

Dividends.

Lingui	5 per cent. 2nd interim.
Tekka Taping	6d. per share and bonus 1/3 less tax.
United Malacca	6 per cent. interim.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4th.

Plague.	
Suez:	5 cases, 3 deaths.
Aden:	54 cases, 33 deaths; infected rats in zone 3.
Bombay:	3 deaths.
Rangoon:	6 deaths.
Colombo:	1 case; 2 rats in zone.
Macassar:	1 case.
Cholera.	
Bassora:	1 death.
Calcutta:	38 deaths.
Rangoon:	1 death.
Bangkok:	28 cases, 26 deaths.
Small-pox.	
Bombay:	10 cases, 7 deaths.
Calcutta:	23 cases, 10 deaths.
Madras:	20 cases, 2 deaths.
Mohammedrah:	2 cases, 2 deaths.
Nagapattam:	2 cases, 1 death.
Rangoon:	18 deaths.
Vizagapatam:	5 cases.
Pondicherry:	1 case, 1 death.
Colombo:	1 case.
Singapore:	1 case, 1 death.
Belawan-Deli:	6 cases.
Bandjermasin:	4 cases, 1 death.
Pontianak:	1 case.
Shanghai:	3 deaths.
Lecon:	9 cases.
Dairen:	4 cases.

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PARIS.

A report presented to the National Economic Council by M. Leon Auscher states that in 1913 (and there is no reason to suppose that the number has since diminished) 400,000 tourists visited the French slopes of Mont Blanc, 275,000 the Italian slopes, and 350,000 the Swiss slopes. Supposing that each tourist spends a sum of 30 gold francs in the district for transport, hotel accommodation, and purchase of souvenirs (and this is a very modest estimate), the conclusion is arrived at that in 1913 the "business turnover" of Mont Blanc was 82,000,000 gold francs (more than 22,000,000).

Few industrialists, Mr. Auscher points out, possess a capital capable of yielding such a turnover.

POLICE AND VEILED WOMAN.

CORONER ORDERS SEARCH.

CRIPPLED FRIENDS CANCER DEATH.

The mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. du Bouit, a closely veiled woman of 33, from a boarding house at Addlestone, Surrey, on January 4th, the day before her companion, Miss Clara Payne, aged 43, a cripple, was found dead, was the subject of questions at the inquest on Miss Payne at Addlestone.

James Payne, a tramway-car conductor, of Tooting, S.W., a brother of the dead woman, said that he last saw her alive 19 years ago. Mr. G. Willis Taylor, the coroner: When did you hear of her death? I read it in the papers. I knew of this Mrs. Bouit under the name of Ellis. I saw her with my sister. Payne said that about 11 years ago he was told by an elder sister that Miss Ellis, as he knew her, was going to take the sister away with her. He was told Miss Ellis was a "sindender" or assistant.

Name In Prayer Book.

Mr. Taylor: Can you account for your sister not having been heard of since?—The only thing I can say is that my sister was under the influence of this woman, who took her away from her friends and her home.

But why?—I really cannot say. Police-Sergeant Brown, of Addlestone, said that he had examined the room in which Miss Payne was found dead. He could discover no correspondence of any sort. In a Prayer Book was the name A. Gowler, with the date 1918. Mrs. Bouit, in May 1927, was a housekeeper at Chertsey. She was also caretaker. She and Miss Payne were always together.

"I believe I saw Mrs. Bouit once," he added. "She was a thin woman, about 3ft. 6in., and not over well dressed."

Mrs. Liddiott, a widow, of Chertsey, with whom they stayed last year, said that Miss Payne was ill, but Mrs. Bouit said that she would not see a doctor if one were called in. Mrs. Bouit once said that she had shares in a gas company and had a large house at Yarmouth.

Dr. Armstrong-Dash said that death was due to cancer of the liver. The immediate cause was pneumonia. There were no marks of violence.

Mr. Taylor: I shall adjourn the inquest. I want the attendance of Mrs. Bouit, or Ellis, or whatever her proper name is. I ask the police to take further steps to find her.

DUCHES OF YORK'S DEBUT AS HOSTESS.

LONDON.

The Duchesses of York has decided that when she makes her debut as a hostess she will give a series of small dinners in her Piccadilly residence, instead of a big formal banquet. After dinner, there will be music in the drawing-room, where the Duchesses will play the harpsichord, on which she accompanies herself in singing old Scottish ballads.

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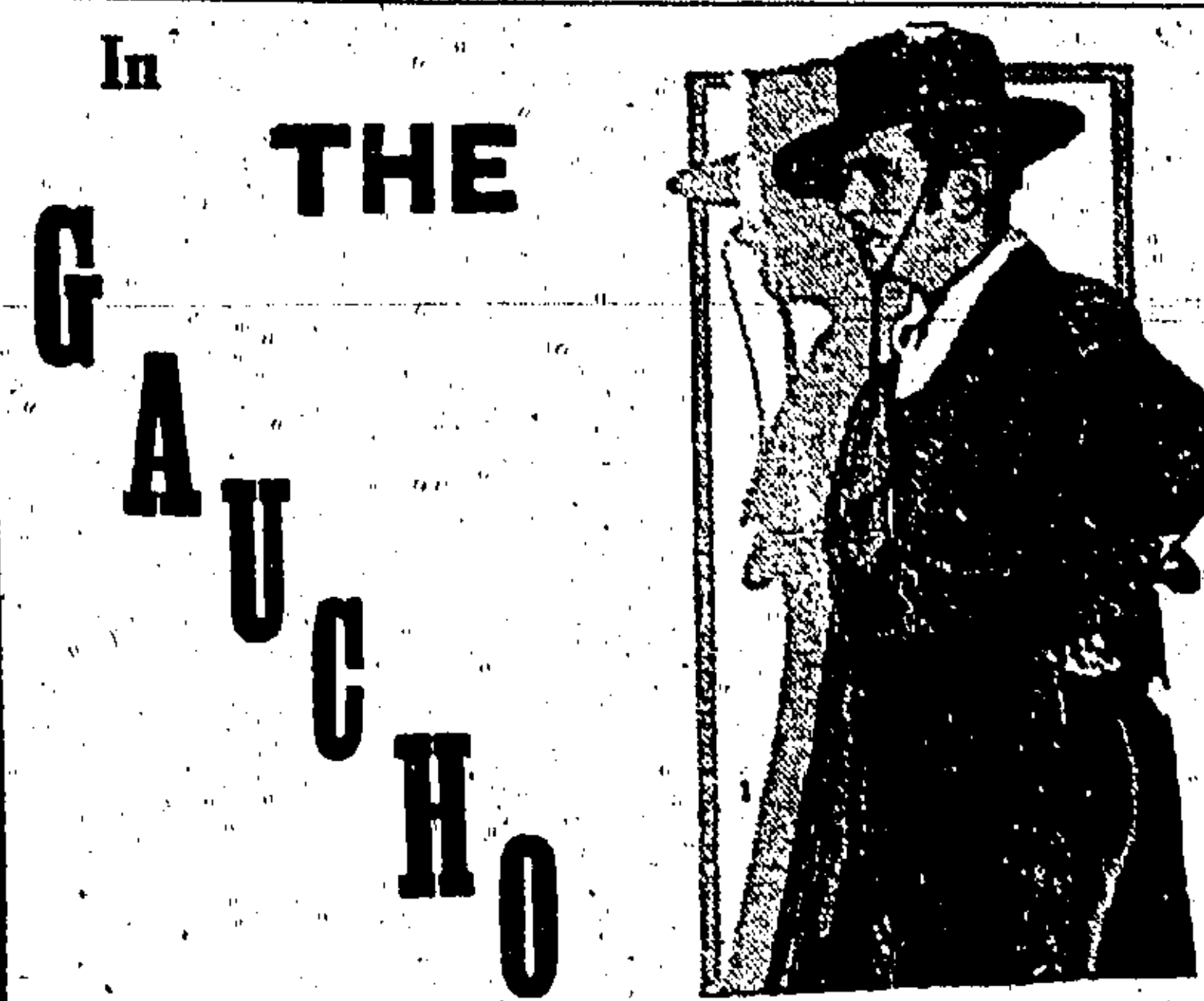
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"It takes about thirty rabbits to make one sable coat, and I am getting six guineas each for two-month-old-sable rabbits. The Prince of Wales is very much interested in these rabbits, and many well-known people are breeding them."

Another judge said it was remarkable the way in which utility rabbit-breeding was becoming an industry in the country. Women especially were breeding Angoras.

"The wool cannot be imitated by anything else," he said, "and the price per pound has risen from 20s. to 42s. Angora wool production is a fine commercial proposition at the moment. The spinning factories cannot get enough, and many new uses are being found for it."

ITALY'S BIRTH-RATE DECLINING.

FASCIST SLOGAN: "MAKE MORE CHILDREN."

Rome.
Professor Coletti has contributed to the *Corriere della Sera* an article which shows that, contrary to the general belief, Italy is suffering from a decreasing birth-rate. The figures of the number of births over deaths from 1924 to date reveal a steady annual diminution, and the Professor suggests that this should be countered by an infant and maternity health campaign under the slogan, "Save more children."

To this Signor Mussolini's paper, the *Popolo d'Italia*, replies admitting that at the present rate the nation's birth-rate would in twenty years balance with its deaths, but calling for larger families as the real remedy. Its counter-slogan is "Make more children."

The paper quotes such recent laws as the Maternity Welfare Law and the Bachelor Tax as evidence that the Government is alive to the problem to which Professor Coletti draws attention, but denounces his solution as "absurd, illusory, insufficient, and non-Fascist."

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With the arrival yesterday morning of the *a.s. Empress of Australia* and the *Belgenland*, two huge around the world liners, no fewer than 700 tourists were as the Americans say, "giving the once over to Hong Kong."

Yesterday the visitors were seen everywhere. They were divided into several parties, visiting Repulse Bay, and other places of interest and scenic beauty of this Colony.

In the morning, the tourists invaded local stores, and shops in Queen's Road Central, Pedder Street and Des Vaux Road did a roaring trade. The takings by nine stores amounted to approximately \$23,000. Exact figures were not available as the tourists shop everywhere. Some of them were even seen entering Wanchai stores, and coming out with big parcels.

While in Hong Kong the usual programme will be carried out. This includes visits to Canton and Macao. This afternoon a soccer eleven from the *Belgenland* party will play the Kowloon Football Club.

Mr. H. Hollingsworth, the founder of the well-known firm of Bourne and Hollingsworth, London, and his niece, Miss Bourne, are on the *Empress of Australia*. They occupy the Prince of Wales' suite, the cost of which is £12,000 for the world tour.

To circle the globe on the *Empress of Australia* costs the average traveller from £450 to £600. The facilities are the same, and the only difference is in the size of the cabins. There is no second class accommodation.

Three hundred of the *Empress of Australia's* passengers, dined at the Hong Kong Hotel last night, and afterwards went to Repulse Bay Hotel to participate in the dancing.

THE "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA"

PROGRAMME, PASSENGERS AND INCIDENTS OF VOYAGE.

Details of the voyage of the *Empress of Australia* were published recently. She left New York on December 2nd, arrives back on April 15th and then proceeds to Southampton with passengers to Europe being due there on April 22nd.

She will remain in Hong Kong until she sails for Shanghai on Monday night at 10 o'clock. Thence, she will proceed to Chinwangtao, while her passengers visit Peking, across the Yellow Sea to Beppu, Kobe and Yokohama in Japan, and then to the Hawaiian islands and San Francisco, returning to New York, by way of the Panama Canal.

The Passengers.

Well-known British persons aboard are the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Earl of Rosslyn, Lady Williams Taylor of Montreal, Sir E. E. Kadoorie of Shanghai and the Hon. and Mrs. Francis Anson. Other nobility include Baron and Baroness de Foucaucourt of Paris and Count Carl Stromfeld of Sweden.

Among the prominent Americans are Dr. George W. Coleman, president of Babson Institute, near Boston; Wilford H. ("Captain Billy") Fawcett, publisher of *Whit's* and numerous other periodicals; Arthur O. McBurney, Jackson, Mich., wealthy furniture manufacturer; Charles Alva Lane, manufacturer and author, Alliance Ohio; George C. Perkins, originator of the "Dorothy Perkins" rose, and Dr. Joseph Fife, San Francisco surgeon.

Among the Canadians are Edson L. Pease, former vice-president of the Royal Bank of Canada; Hugh Paton, founder of the Dominion Express Company, and Albert J. Brown, K.C., vice-president of the Montreal Trust Company and senior member of Brown and Montgomery, Canada's foremost legal firm.

The oldest passenger is 80 and the youngest 14. Their average is 49.64 years, and 56 per cent. are women. Approximately 40 per cent. of the total are British and the rest American, save for a sprinkling of French, Peruvian and Swedish.

Incidents of The Voyage.

On arriving at Manila Comdr. Latta, of the *Empress of Australia*, was given the key to the city by Mayor Tomas Barnshaw, who, with other city officials, were entertained aboard the palatial vessel, by the skipper and Canadian Pacific officials.

Members of the *Empress of Australia* Mason Club were entertained by the Masons to a reception, Filipino folk dances and music on the evening of February 7th. Peking Masons are planning a similar programme when the *Empress of Australia* party is in the Chinese capital during the week of February 20th.

The Seven Wonders of a World Cruise, according to passengers, are: 1, I wonder when we eat; 2, I wonder when we shop; 3, I wonder if we eat; 4, I wonder if we shop; 5, I wonder why we eat; 6, I wonder why we shop; 7, I just wonder.

As the *Empress of Australia* entered Manila's harbour she was greeted by a salvo of 26 guns, thirteen each from U.S.S. *Albatross* and H.M.S. *Hawkins*. The passengers believed it a wondrous welcome until they learned that the British gunboat was paying its respects to the American Admiral, whose flag-ship answered the salute.

THE "BELGENLAND"

A VERY HAPPY SHIP.

The *Belgenland's* passengers are thoroughly enjoying themselves in Hong Kong. They had been told beforehand that it was a harbour to see as the ship came in, and despite the early hour of arrival yesterday they were up on deck in gold numbers. Nor were they disappointed for though cloudy the weather was clear and an excellent impression was obtained of the harbour with its mountains on either side and the famous scenery around the Victoria district.

Visits to Canton and Macao, &c. The *Belgenland* stays here till Monday. Yesterday a hundred of her 350 passengers went up to Canton by special train and the same number went to Macao. The same programme will be followed to-day, and Sunday will be devoted to trips to Repulse Bay and round the New Territories.

The *Belgenland* left New York on December 14th and will arrive back on April 28th. She has already visited Cuba, the Panama Canal, California, the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, Shanghai and Formosa. The voyage has been happy and uneventful, the weather being extraordinarily good—but one case of sea-sickness occurred in New York Harbour before the ship started.

A Happy Incident.

Japan proved a great source of delight to the tourists and 150,000 yen is said to have been spent on purchases in Yokohama alone. A very delightful little episode marked the departure from Japan. The one invalid on board, Mr. Cremer, expressed his deep disappointment at not having seen the famous Mount Fujiyama. The Captain heard of this up on the bridge when the snow capped peak was in sight. "We'll turn the ship and let Mr. Cremer have a good view," he said at once, "tell them to prop him up in bed." The incident was described as very typical of Captain Morehouse, the genial commander of the ship.

At Formosa.

The tourists received quite a popular ovation in Formosa. Thousands turned up to see the ship and a party of 50 native chiefs (said to be headhunters) were shown all over the vessel. "What we want from Hong Kong and Canton," said one of the people aboard to our representative, "are jade, mandarin coats and beads and we can also do with some of your shawls." Our local merchants were certainly having a very happy time supplying these wants.

Passengers.

The charges for the world cruise range from G.\$2,000 to G.\$25,000 according to accommodation. The average price is G.\$5,000. There are a number of very interesting personalities on board. Mr. Cremer, already mentioned, is a mechanical engineer and equipped most of the cotton mills of the South. For years he was president of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and he is founder of the town of Cranston. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thannhouser, with whom is their daughter, Marie, make a very interesting party. Mr. Thannhouser was formerly a large film magnate in New York and a real claim to fame is that he gave Charles Chaplin his first job. Mrs. Thannhouser has written several plays. One called "Just off Broadway" will be produced on next column.

COLLAPSE OF M.B.K. COAL-YARD WALL.

JURY'S VERDICT: "PURELY ACCIDENTAL."

AN UNPRECEDENTED CASE.

The inquest into the death of Leo Leung and two other women who were crushed by the collapse of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha coal-yard wall at Yau-mati, was concluded yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistrate's court by the Coroner with a jury. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Seven witnesses, including relatives and persons employed making coal-baskets on the spot at the time, gave evidence to the effect that the wall was unsafe before it actually collapsed. Others denied that they were warned of danger that they had been working at coal baskets making at this place for the past 10 years and had never received any official order not to work there. In reviewing the evidence the Coroner said that the fact that two other walls, not belonging to the M.B.K., had collapsed at about the same time showed that the M.B.K. could not be regarded as wholly responsible. He further stated that the walls were about 30 years old and the weight of the coals against them, and the action of rain that had fallen that morning, soaking the walls, had caused them to crack and collapse.

Although no similar case of walls having collapsed had ever taken place before in the Colony, his Worship recommended that the jury approach the proper authorities to see that in future coals should not be heaped against walls that were considered unsafe.

The jury without retiring returned a verdict of death due to accidental circumstances. It is understood that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha have voluntarily given a compensation to each of the deceased family.

produced on the *Belgenland*. One of the most popular figures aboard is Mr. W. A. Simonton, Senator from Delaware, and director of traffic for the Dupont Powder Co., Wilmington, Del. Another famous figure of the film world, Mr. Hal Roach, who discovered Harold Lloyd joins the ship at Hong Kong and leaves at Naples. He and Mr. Thannhouser are already debating, so they say—the merits of "Charlie" and "Harold." Mr. George Biantany, of New York, the collector for the zoological gardens and parks will disembark in India and the African Sudan. The *Belgenland* knows him well. Last time he brought on board all manner of strange beasts. "Twelve tigers, six camels, some lions and any number of snakes including a brute about thirty feet long," so our representative was told. "Capt. Morehouse" said "never again" and nothing will move him. Mr. Ben Marshall is a well-known Chicago architect, who is making a special study of Chinese and Japanese architecture. He is delighted with all he has seen and we can look for a new Chicago-like Peking or Old Japan!

A LITTLE LEG-PULLING.

The prize "leg-pull" involving a passenger on the round-the-world liner *Belgenland* is related by a Shanghai paper. An American gentleman of mature years and well-known in athletic and club circles, was engaged in conversation with one of the "touri" in the Astor House Hotel lobby. After some little time the stranger asked his host, "What is your line here in Shanghai?" to which the other replied that he had a concession in Footing which remunerated him very handsomely, as a matter of fact sometimes he received as much as \$1,000 per day. The visitor's curiosity, of course, immediately was aroused and after some intensive questioning, his host outlined at great length the *modus operandi*. He explained that the International police, those in the French Concession, and the Chinese authorities conducted a campaign against opium-smoking. Every day a considerable quantity of this valuable drug was confiscated, and after due process of law was taken to Footing where in specially constructed furnaces under legal supervision the contraband was burned. The obliging Shanghai gentleman impressed upon the tourist that everything was not above board and that he told him this in the strictest confidence, and that he hoped that the other would not mention it whilst the *Belgenland* was in China waters. After further elucidation in which he explained that the smoke from the furnace had certain medicinal properties for which the Chinese were prepared to pay high prices, he whispered that he had the sole right to reclaim this smoke. By a secret process which Chinese had imparted to him, he was able to bottle this smoke in small flasks, with a specially-perforated cork, which the purchasers inhaled believing it to be a cure for almost all diseases. The "touri" yesterday, it is understood, left Shanghai, hoping to obtain a similar concession in India.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

"MORE A FOOL THAN A KNAVE."

SEDITIONS LITERATURE CHARGE.

[BY R. E. PORTER.]

At the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday one of the cases which came before the Magistrate concerned a Chinese wine steward on H.M.S. *Sterling*, charged with a larceny and described as "more a fool than a knave." Another case at the same Court concerned thefts from Chinese women.

At the Central Magistrate's, comment was made on the insanitary practice of dumping nightsoil into the harbour at Wanchai. Six Chinese were charged with a recent robbery at a Chinese silk store; and another Chinese was charged with possession of seditious literature.

WOMEN ROBBED.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's, before Mr. W. Schofield, a Chinese was charged with the larceny of several articles of clothing and jewellery from two women of Temple Street, and also with unlawfully returning from banishment.

It appears from the evidence that the defendant paid a visit to the complainants' houses on various dates, and decamped with articles mentioned in the charges during the absence of the occupants from the room. Subsequently the defendant was arrested and yesterday he received a sentence of ten months' hard labour in all, and was also ordered to receive 13 strokes of the birch on the second charge.

As he was leaving the dock, the defendant accused the Chinese detective of having taken \$12 from him. The case was then adjourned till Tuesday next for further investigations to be made.

WARSHIP'S STEWARD FINED.

A Shantung wine steward of H.M.S. *Sterling* was prosecuted by Mr. E. W. Niblett, Chief Gunner, at the Kowloon Magistrate's for the larceny of four tins of Gold Flake cigarettes, two rolls of brown paper and an entry book. There was also a further charge against defendant of being in unlawful possession of 17 shot gun cartridges. Mr. Leo d'Almada represented defendant. Mr. d'Almada said that, on his advice, the defendant threw himself on the mercy of the Court. "I understand that the prosecution does not desire to be vindictive," said Mr. d'Almada. His Worship remarked that he thought a fine of \$5 on the first charge and \$25 on the second would meet the case.

MAKING THE PRAYA INSANITARY.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's with dumping nightsoil into the harbour at the Wanchai reclamation, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, assistant head of the Sanitary Department, told the Magistrate that the reclamation was in a very insanitary condition on account of this dumping. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 and told the defendant to warn others that if any more such cases came before the Court the fine would be much heavier.

SIX CHINESE CHARGED.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistrate's, six Chinese were charged with the theft of eight rolls of black satin, six rolls of crepe silk, one grey quilted jacket and one black crepe double long coat from a Chinese shop at No. 86, Jarvis Street, ground floor, on February 2nd at 4 a.m. Mr. M. K. Lo represented two of the defendants. Detective Sergeant Baker, prosecuting, said that some of the men were charged with stealing, and others with receiving. In all probability there would be other charges to come before the Court. He asked for a remand of three days in police custody.

His Worship made the necessary remand, and allowed Mr. Lo's eleven bail of \$500 each on the expiration of three days in custody, when, it is understood, a further remand will be asked for.

SEDITIONS LITERATURE.

A Chinese houseboy employed at No. 21, Wing Sing Street, was charged, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being in possession of seditious literature.

It was stated that amongst the six or seven documents seized were copies of the Red Flag, a Chinese Communist publication. Inspector Lane said the papers had been forwarded to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for translation, which would take several days. He applied for a formal remand.

The Magistrate said that in cases of this nature the documents should be produced in Court and shown to the defendant so that he could know for what he was being charged. The documents could be translated afterwards. (Continued at foot of next column.)



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Inspector Lane promised to make a note for the future. The Magistrate asked if it was necessary to have a week in which to translate the documents. The Inspector replied that the S.C.A. would take at least four days to have the document translated. The Magistrate remanded prisoner until 10 a.m. on February 15th.

THE REDS AROUND
SWATOW.MILITARY OPERATIONS
COMMENCED.WONG SHIU HUNG'S BIG
UNDERTAKING.LESS NERVOUSNESS IN THE
CITY.

[FROM OUR SWATOW CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW, Feb. 9th.

The military authorities began to take an interest in the Chaoyang situation on Saturday but their initial efforts were ineffective. They sent up a small force of 300 which was promptly surrounded, cut up and dispersed by the "Reds." Over 100 soldiers were killed and the Commanding Officer was wounded and is now back in hospital in Swatow. Yesterday 1,000 more troops were sent up, and this morning between 600 and 800 were seen on their way to Kityang. The "Reds" are reported to be numerous (6,000 strong) and fairly well armed.

Although the military authorities do not appear to be taking their task very seriously there is less nervousness in the city, merely I think because the community are surprised that the job is being tackled at all. I have a feeling that Wong-Shiu-Hung has a big undertaking in front of him if as it is reported, he is to clear the whole country of "Red" and sublike elements from the Chao Mei Prefecture down to your New Territories and inland to Canton.

Reports from Mission Chinese who have escaped from the Hailok-hong district indicate that the "Reds" have several almost impregnable positions about 20 miles from Hailok, plenty of ammunition, stores for three or four years and houses stacked up with small coin. And, I understand, being utterly outlawed on every side, they are prepared to stand and fight. There has been much in the papers about the total eclipse of the sun of Chang Fat Fui and his Ironsides yet several responsible Chinese here stoutly maintain that he's far from being eliminated. They say he is just "biding a we" and that much will be heard of him later when he starts to make himself a nuisance in the Northern part of this dreadful Province.

TO CRUSH THE COM-
MUNISTS.DIVISION TO MARCH ON IN
HOLFUNG AND LOK FUNG.

(Wah Tse Yat Pau.)

General Li Tsai Hain has ordered Commander Tan Kai Shau to concentrate the 2nd Division at Sheklung on the 12th inst. with a view to operations against the Communist forces in the Hoi Fung and Lok Fung Districts.

The "Ironsides" Defeated. Commander Wong Hon Man wired Canton on the 3rd inst. reporting that the defeated troops under the command of General Li Hon Wan of the 25th Division of the 4th Army, had evacuated the Ping Wo District in the Fukien border.

SALT GABELLE AND
NANKING.FOREIGN PERSONNEL TO
OPERATE.REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR
LOAN SERVICE.

Mr. Rodney Gilbert, writing to the N.C. Daily News from Peking under date February 8th states that it is reported on good authority that the foreign personnel of the Salt Gabelle will resume control of the collection of the salt revenue in the territory controlled by the Nationalists.

It is also stated that 30 per cent. of the gross revenue will be available for the service of the foreign loans secured on the salt revenue.

The adjustment of minor questions in connection with the administration is progressing favourably.

This information is apparently available in London because cabled demands in connection with the salt securities have been frequent during the past few days.

A Reuter cable from Shanghai published last Thursday stated that Mr. F. S. Chien, Chief of the Salt Administration of the Nationalist Ministry of Finance had denied this report, describing it as "without foundation."

MURDER OF P. S. FRANCIS
IN SHANGHAI.

POLICE RAID.

SUSPECTED CHINESE
CAUGHT.

A party of Municipal police, under Det. Sub-Insp. Henry, working in conjunction with the French authorities, raided a Chinese house in Rue Conty, Shanghai, on Monday, and arrested one man, who, they believe, was one of the gang of kidnapers, who on November 26th shot and killed P.S. Francis in a deserted house in Kuling Road.

Acting on information received, the Settlement officers, applied to the French for the needed permission and assistance, and combined parties approached the house, which seemed to be deserted. Having posted the necessary guards, the remainder of the group rushed the house, and upon breaking in, found their man in bed. He was unarmed and offered no resistance. The posse made a thorough search of the premises, but found nothing of an incriminating nature. A woman, believed to be the man's concubine, also was taken into custody.

It will be recalled that, on November 26th, a gang of kidnapers had broken into a house near the intersection of Burkill Road and Thicket Road, and, on emerging, were fired upon by Chinese police. A Sikh joined in the chase, and one of the men was wounded near Park Road. The others had disappeared, and Chief Inspector Aiers ordered a search to be made of the vicinity.

Quite by accident Francis and Read stumbled on a trail of blood, more than an hour later, and tracked one man through a deserted area. Francis rushed through the back door of the house before which the blood stains stopped, jumped on to a motor lorry, and was shot dead by one of the gang from the driver's seat. P.C. Read, although shot through the abdomen, killed Francis's murderer.

If the police have enough evidence to convict the man arrested, three of the Shanghai gang will have been brought to justice.

COMMUNIST CENTRE.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN
SINGAPORE.

C.I.D. ARRESTS.

What is believed to have been a centre from which Communist propaganda and activity throughout part of the world was directed has been unearthed by the Criminal Investigation Department at Singapore.

Four Chinese men and one Chinese woman have been arrested, and a large quantity of Communist literature has been seized.

One of the arrested men speaks English, and is said to have been a military officer in China, where he came under Russian influence.

All the arrested persons are China-born, and there is ground for believing that they are not local Communist activity, and further, that a great deal of the Communist propaganda in the Dutch East Indies has been directed from their headquarters here.

The documents seized are numerous, and they include printed and typewritten documents in English and Chinese. Some of them are aimed at "British Imperialism."

SHANGHAI FRENCH MUNI-
CIPAL COUNCIL.NEW SECRETARY
APPOINTED.

The N.C. Daily News is informed that M. J. Verdier has been appointed secretary to the French Municipal Council, a post left vacant by the recent death of M. P. Legendre.

M. Verdier is an engineer from L'École Centrale des Arts et Manufactures, and came to Shanghai as a professor to the Institut Franco-Chinois, while lately he has held the position of head of the Public Works Department.

M. Sigaut, Inspector-General of the Messageries Maritimes is going home on leave to-day (Saturday).

M. Cochet, who has already been in Shanghai for some years, has been appointed general agent, and it is understood, he has also been appointed to the French Municipal Commission to fill the vacancy created by M. Sigaut's departure.

LAW SOCIETY v. C. M.
HOUGHTON.PROSECUTION SAYS:
NOTHING LESS THAN
BLACKMAIL.JUDGMENT ON THURSDAY
NEXT.

The summons against C. M. Houghton of the South China Trade Protection Association, taken by the Hong Kong Law Society for practising as a solicitor without having been admitted and enrolled, was continued yesterday before Mr. P. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy.

Brother Aimar of the St. Joseph's College, giving evidence under subpoena, said that Houghton was a teacher in the College until January 21st. In the ordinary course of events, the defendant would be teaching from 1.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. On a few occasions, the defendant had applied for leave of absence for a couple of hours. Witness also remembered that on one or two occasions, leave had been refused the defendant.

The defendant called this evidence in support of an alibi to the effect that he was not present when an alleged interview took place between him, Haynes and the complainant Pang Chau.

A Chinese employee of the South China Trade Protection Association said that he was present on January 20th when Pang Chau called at the office. The defendant was not there.

Houghton: Do you know the man Suen?—Yes.

Houghton: Did you see Haynes hand the key to Suen?—No.

Mr. D. H. Blake, for the Law Society, objected to this question. The defendant explained that he brought out this fact in order to show that he did not threaten Pang Chau and that he did not act as a solicitor.

Houghton: Was the door ever locked that afternoon, or any attempt made to detain Pang Chau?—No.

Houghton: Were you in the office on January 19?—Yes.

Houghton: Did you hear me at any time use the words "deportation" or "criminal proceedings"?—No.

Houghton: Were you present at the interview with Pang Chau?—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Blake, witness said that the letter addressed to Pang Chau had never been seen by him before.

Mr. Blake: Were the books of Chau Hin referred to?—Yes, the account books of this company were mentioned.

Mr. Blake: Was there any suggestion by anybody that if the account was not paid criminal proceedings would be taken?—I heard something to the effect that the accounts must be paid otherwise the complainant Chau Hin would take proceedings. Chau Hin was then present.

To further questions, witness said that Pang Chau remained in the office of the South China Trade Protection Association for nearly an hour and a half.

The office boy of this Association also gave evidence. He said that there were two keys to the office door; one of which was in his possession and the other with Haynes. The defendant Houghton was not there at 2 p.m. on January 20th. The key had never left his possession and nobody locked the door on that particular afternoon.

Houghton then told his Worship that he had nothing further to say unless the Magistrate would like to ask him any question. He further added that from the evidence the Court would readily see that he was not in the office on that particular afternoon and therefore he could not have threatened the complainant Pang Chau with criminal proceedings.

Addressing the Court Mr. Blake said that the South China Trade Protection Association, according to their own evidence, was conducting their business on the same lines as the Banbury (Australia) Association. The working of this Association was described by Mr. J. T. Dobbie who gave evidence the previous day.

As to the Banbury Association, Mr. Blake said that Banbury, which is on the west coast of Australia, had only 2,400 inhabitants and was 112 miles from the city of Perth. "I will not say more than this."

Touching on the objects of the South China Trade Protection Association, Mr. Blake said that it appeared from the prospectuses, that the first aim was to save heavy legal expenses for people who had had debts to collect. The Association charged 15 per cent. for debts up to three months' old. From three to six months, they charged 20 per cent., and 25 per cent. for debts over six months.

It would therefore be seen that the Association could not possibly have made any arrangement with (Continued on next Column.)

"SAN NAM HOI"
PIRACY.VESSEL ADEQUATELY
PROTECTED.

OFFICERS' ACTION PRAISED.

The enquiry into the death of the late Mr. Harry Conway, chief officer of the a.s. *San Nam Hoi*, and two Indian guards of the same vessel, was concluded yesterday before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy.

The jury returned a verdict as follows:

"We find that the late Mr. Harry Conway and the two Indian guards met their death as a result of bullet wounds received during an encounter with pirates on board the a.s. *San Nam Hoi* on January 17th, 1928, on a voyage from Hongkong."

"We return a verdict of wilful murder against Chu Kai Shuen (one of the pirates recognised) and others unknown."

"We are of the opinion that the Captain had taken all necessary precaution and that the ship was adequately protected against piracy."

"We are satisfied that the Captain, the late Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer and the Indian guards did their best under the circumstances to protect the ship and but for their outstanding bravery, the ship would have fallen into the hands of the pirates."

"We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Conway and the Indian guards."

The Coroner said that he quite agreed with the verdict and wished to associate himself with the jury in the expression of sympathy to the deceased families.

Mr. M. K. Lo, on behalf of the owners of the *San Nam Hoi*, also extended his sympathy. Mr. Lo further added that he and the owners would also associate themselves in saying that the officers and guards of the vessel had shown great bravery under a most terrifying ordeal.

any solicitor to represent them unless they were willing to pay. The percentage charged was too low to meet a solicitor's fee.

The primary method of the Association, Mr. Blake said, in collecting, had accounts for their customers was to write unpleasant letters to the debtors, and in order to be effective, the letters were couched in threatening language.

In England and elsewhere endeavours were being made to keep down such methods, for it amounted to nothing else than blackmail.

Mr. Blake then referred to the letter written to Pang Chau. It read as follows:—

January 15th.
"Mr. Pang Chau, ex-Managing Partner of the Chau Hon Company. Dear Sir.—Our client, Mr. Chang Kim, has submitted to us account books written by you for the purpose of auditing. We have to inform you that unless you interview us at 4 p.m. on the 19th inst., and make any necessary adjustment, we are instructed to take criminal proceedings without further notice. Commending the forementioned to your immediate attention.—South China Trade Protection Association, C. M. Houghton, Accountant."

Continuing, Mr. Blake said that there could be no doubt as to the meaning of that letter. It simply meant threatening the man with a charge of embezzlement and falsification of accounts. Also the evidence given as to what had taken place at the interview also left no room for doubt as to what had happened. The defendant had undoubtedly used threats to Pang Chau to induce him to pay \$750 plus 50 per cent. costs in order to effect a settlement. In doing so the defendant was trying to do Pang Chau out of 20 per cent. although he was supposed to be paid 20 per cent. by his customer. There was also no doubt that the defendant had threatened the man with deportation.

Asked by his Worship to quote an authority on such cases, Mr. Blake said that the Home Law requires proof that a person had pretended to be a solicitor, but the Hong Kong only say when a person acts as a solicitor.

Mr. Blake then cited several cases in one of which the decision was in favour of the defendant. "His Worship then pointed out that the latest decision at Home on cases of such a nature was in favour of the defence."

Mr. Blake said that the general public in Hong Kong must be protected from this sort of practice. It was not like people at Home who could read English and would know at once whether the letter came from a lawyer or a private individual. These letters, were sent to Chinese and, in one case, the recipient had to ask a friend to translate the letter to him.

Mr. Lindsell: At present I am against you, but I am prepared to give the case further consideration. Mr. Dobbie then said that he would like to make an objection.

Mr. Lindsell: I cannot hear you. You are a witness and you are finished.

Judgment will be delivered on Thursday.

LANE, CRAWFORD,
LIMITED.REDUCTION OF CAPITAL
AFFIRMED BY COURT.

"NO GOODWILL."

CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE
EXPERTS.

A petition for confirming the reduction of the capital of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., (and reduced) from \$1,500,000 to \$800,000 was heard before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. After counsel's statement, His Lordship made the order applied for. There was no opposition.

Mr. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadsworth, of Messrs. Deacons, in making the application, said this was a petition made under Section 47 B by Lane, Crawford, Ltd. (and reduced), that the reduction of their capital might be confirmed by the Court.

Proceeding, Mr. Sheldon stated that the Company was incorporated in 1922 under the Companies Ordinance of 1911-1921.

Counsel referred to the objects of the Company, and continuing, said the capital was \$1,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each. The Company has issued 123,000 of these shares and the sum of \$10 per share has been paid thereon.

By special resolutions passed at extraordinary general meetings of the Company, on January 16th and 31st, respectively, it was resolved that the capital of the Company be reduced.

The resolution passed at these meetings was:—

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$800,000, divided into 130,000 shares of \$6 each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$4 per share upon each of the 123,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding, and by reducing the nominal amount of all shares in the Company's capital from \$10 to \$6 per share."

Continuing, Mr. Sheldon said: Previous to the passing of such special resolution paid up capital of the Company to the extent of \$500,000 and upwards had been lost, or was unrepresented by available assets."

The Minute.

Mr. Sheldon said that a minute proposed to be registered in confirmation of the reduction was as under:—

"The capital of Lane, Crawford, Ltd. (and reduced), heretofore \$1,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares (of which 123,000 have been issued) of \$6 each, instead of the original capital of \$1,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each. At the time of the registration of this minute the sum of \$6 has been paid on each of the said shares."

Mr. Sheldon said there was also an application that the words "and reduced" be dispensed with altogether.

Mr. Sheldon then proceeded to deal with affidavits relating to the reduction of capital, and mentioned one by Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman of the Company).

Depreciation Of Assets.

Quoting from this affidavit, Mr. Sheldon said it stated: "At the present time the following items shown in the balance sheet as assets have depreciated, or cannot now be called available or realisable assets; namely, goodwill, fixtures and fittings, investments, and the balance of the profit and loss account, and they have depreciated to the following extent:—Goodwill, \$100,000; fixtures and fittings, \$95,000; investments, \$394,023.51; profit and loss account, \$63,420.84; being a total loss in all of \$652,444.35, loss on the assets side of the balance sheet. Deducting this amount from the total shown on the assets side of the balance sheet, there is left total assets to the value of \$1,151,795.79. Liabilities for all practical purposes are the same as shown in the balance sheet, namely: \$454,251.14."

Deducting the amount of the liabilities from the amount of the depreciated assets, it appears that the surplus amounts to \$697,544.65, but the paid up capital of the Company is \$1,250,000. \$500,000 and upwards has been lost, or is unrepresented by available assets."

The loss is attributed to the following circumstances: depreciation of the investments held by the Company; loss on revaluation of fittings and fixtures; loss on the Company's profit and loss account; loss on revaluation of the Company's floating assets.

The Directors consider this must be regarded as a permanent depreciation, and that it ought to be written off and cancelled.

His Lordship's Comment On "Goodwill."

When Mr. Sheldon referred to the matter of the "goodwill" of the business, His Lordship remarked: "I am rather struck with the fact that the whole of the 'goodwill' of the business has gone."

(Continued on next Column.)

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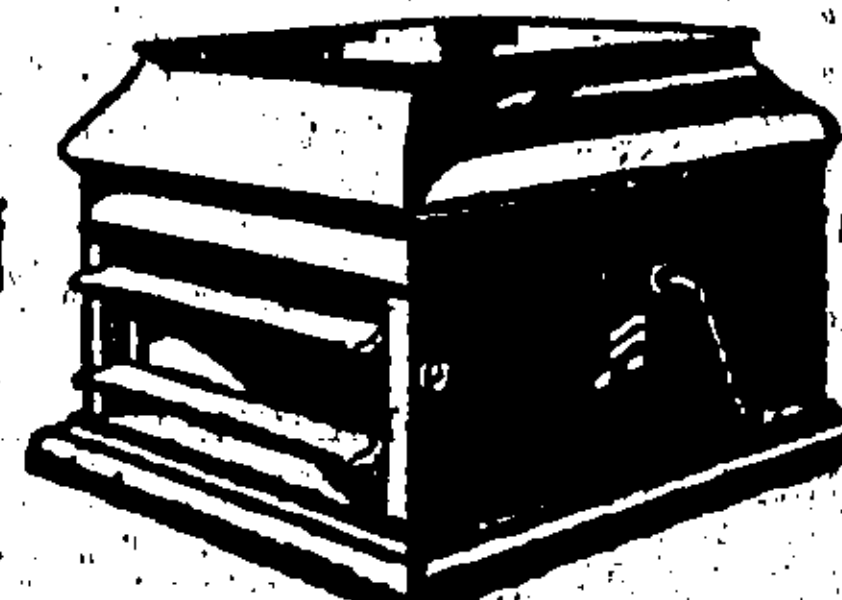
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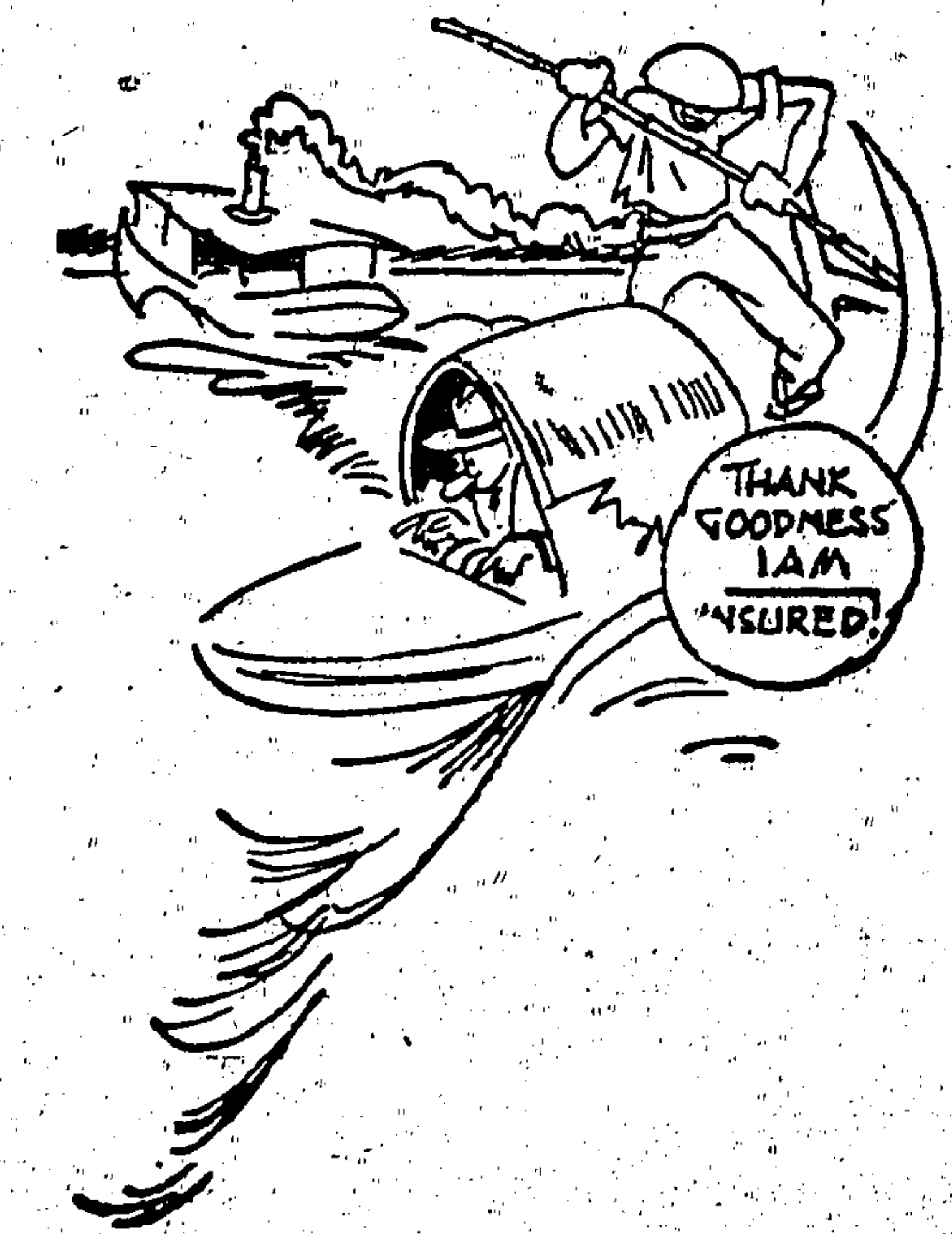
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[L.A.]

Mr. Sheldon: I am instructed that this is so, my Lord.

The Chief Justice: Supposing you were selling the business and stock, would the "goodwill" be worth anything?

Mr. Sheldon replied that the chartered accountants, who were experts, had stated that the present marketable value could not be calculated and that they could not enter in the books at the moment the marketable value.

His Lordship: It seems to me to be rather extraordinary that a business like Lane, Crawford's has no "goodwill."

Mr. Sheldon: that is the experts' view, my Lord.

His Lordship: Yes. Far be it from me to question experts' views, but it strikes me as being rather curious.

Mr. Sheldon then proceeded with the petition, as reported above. In conclusion, Mr. Sheldon asked that the reduction of capital be confirmed by the Court; that the minute, as set out in the petition, be sanctioned; and that the words "and reduced" be dispensed with, within one month from date.

His Lordship made the necessary order to that effect.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

RACE MEETING.

ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th FEBRUARY, 1928. All Departments will be CLOSED at 1 P.M. ON THESE DAYS.

THE HONG KONG DISPENSARY will be OPENED for the purpose of Dispensing Prescriptions from 8 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1928. [5875]

NOTICE.

RACE MEETING 1928.

ALL VEHICLES going to the Races at WONG NUI CHONG will proceed via QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON GAP ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD and round the HARRY VALLEY via WONG NUI CHONG ROAD to the Entrance Gates up to 3 P.M.

Vehicles will return to Town via MORRISON HILL ROAD, WANCHAI ROAD and PRAYA EAST.

After 3 P.M. Vehicles proceeding to the Races will proceed via QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON STREET, PRAYA EAST, PRINCIPAL STREET and WONG NUI CHONG ROAD. Vehicles returning from the Races will proceed via MORRISON GAP ROAD and QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

There will be One Way Traffic Only in QUEEN'S ROAD EAST from ARSENAL STREET to the Morison Gap Road from 11 A.M. to 6.30 P.M. The One Way Traffic will run from West to East from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. and from East to West from 3 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. KENNEDY ROAD will be Open to East Bound Traffic from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. and to West Bound Traffic from 3 P.M. to 6.30 P.M.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police,
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1928. [5877]

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5855]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 19th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 O'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. P. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5861]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 4A, DES VOGES ROAD, on TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5854]

INTIMATIONS.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be OPEN for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 9.30 A.M. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th INSTANT, and CLOSE at 1 P.M. Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5863]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day of \$30 for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price: \$3 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

Admission by Ticket only. Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes. Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[5859]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, HONG KONG CLUB and CATERWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1928. [5859]

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES will CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

Schedules may be obtained on Application from the SECRETARIES, c/o BRADLEY & CO., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1928. [5862]

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INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG WATERWORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after FRIDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY, 1928, THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO ALL WHARVES IN VICTORIA will be turned off, and will remain out off while the present restrictions on the Colony's water supply continue in force.

HAROLD T. CREASTY,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 9th Feb., 1928. [5873]

CORRECTION.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, 6th Floor Mortgage Debentures (Kailan Bonds).

In the Notice appearing in these Columns from December 21st, 1927, to 7th January, 1928, the Number 30168 appeared under the Heading "700 Bonds of \$20 each, Numbered," etc. This should read 31068. [5864]

NOTICE.

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HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 11th, 1928

THE FALLING BIRTH RATE.

A SHARP controversy has been going on at home over that perennial subject of interest the falling birth rate. The year 1927 was the period of greatest decline ever known, and the usual notes of alarm have been sounded by people on whom direct responsibility for the next generation does not devolve. England finds it difficult to get over the memory of the days of enormous fecundity, some fifty to eighty years ago, when families running into double figures were common in all classes. The steadily increasing knowledge of hygiene resulted in a large proportion of those born surviving to maturity. This was an entirely new phenomenon, for, as in China to-day, dirt, ignorance and war had kept Britain's population down no matter how many babies were born. Round and about the "minicities, when money was less abundant, servants harder to get and education going up in cost families fell to about half a dozen. Parents of to-day are generally content with two or three children. But the recent complaint has been mainly about the only child.

England we are told is splitting on the rock of the only child. The old arguments of the discipline, self reliance and good-fellowship learned in the big family have been repeated ad nauseam until a somewhat caustic letter described a children's party at which an "only child" had been the winsome and self possessed little leader while a group of the big family brigade stood and sucked their fingers. However, such instances prove nothing, and many advantages of the big family are indisputable. They are like the advantages of a big income which most of us prefer to the many undoubted blessings which go hand in hand with

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BIRTHS.

DUMBARTON.—On February 4th, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. DUMBARTON, a daughter, NOBLES.

MACHADO.—On February 6th, at No. 8, Albany Lane, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MACHADO, a daughter.

MOWAT.—On February 6th, at St. Martin's Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. RUTLEY MOWAT, a son.

RIDGWAY.—On February 4th, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. RIDGWAY, a daughter.

ROACH.—On February 5th, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. ROACH, a daughter.

DEATHS.

BUTTERWORTH.—On February 8th, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, SISTER HANNAH COCHRANE BUTTERWORTH.

MESLING.—On February 3rd, suddenly, at Shanghai, GEORGE MESLING, ex-sergeant, Shanghai Municipal Police, aged 42 years.

poverty. The fact is that to most reasonably conscientious people big families are as impossible as great wealth.

Modern life is enormously strenuous except to those who have inherited ample means or those who accept the political doctrines of socialism and sponge on the state. Those who are engaged in an independent struggle to rub along by means of the very average intelligence bestowed on them find the task a good deal harder than did their fathers and grandfathers. Unemployment is a shadow over every worker with either hand or brain. Professions are overcrowded, business competition is keen and the openings in the Colonies are mainly for those trained in agriculture. The happy-go-lucky days of Mr. Pickwick and his coach, so typically English we like to think, lasted only till the coming of the motor. Housing conditions have greatly changed and it was easier to rear a big family in the roomy old-fashioned house that people of moderate means could afford fifty years ago than in the flat or bungalow of to-day.

A great deal of recrimination follows when the subject is raised. The older generation moralises upon the selfishness of the younger people and their lack of public spirit. The latter grumble in reply that the old men take the best jobs and the big money. But in these days of moderation in eating and drinking, of exercise and healthier living generally the useful working age has been prolonged, and in our complicated civilisation experience is invaluable. The public schools are blamed for making things difficult for the middle classes by putting up their fees, but their answer is that of the fashionable doctor or barrister who says that he has to do it to keep down the rush of clients. No doubt the higher education of women and their participation in work of one kind or another after marriage is an indirect cause of small families, but the woman's earnings often make all the difference between comfort and hardship. The "revolt against parenthood," of which something is heard, does not seem to exist to any large extent. A glance at the "Society" papers shows that people of means still have fairly large families. "Who's Who," says the same. That great authority on the subject, Malthus, discovered a century ago that population increases according to the economic resources waiting to absorb it. His law stands. There is no room in England, or even in the Colonies in their present state of development for a rapidly increasing population. Small families are an inevitable outcome of existing circumstances. The population will not increase until those circumstances have been changed.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera.

The annual meeting of St. Peter's Church will be held after the morning service to-morrow (Sunday).

Sir Frederick Lugard, former Governor of Hong Kong, on whom a Barony has been conferred, will take the title of Lord Lugard.

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club will be held to-morrow at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, beginning at eight o'clock.

Among passengers arriving by s.s. *Empress of Australia* was Mrs. G. W. Steele, wife of Captain Steele, of the U.S. Navy. Mrs. Steele will return to Manila by the Dollar Line s.s. *President Jackson*, to join her husband.

The Central British School annual sports will be held at King's Park to-day, beginning at 2 p.m. Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education) will distribute the prizes.

With three incised wounds which are said to have been inflicted by another man with a pointed piece of firewood, a Chinese was taken to Kowloon Hospital from Bulkeley Street, Hunghom, on Thursday. The assailant has not been arrested.

Captain M. Maxwell, R.N., has reported to the police by letter that a first-class stoker of the Royal Navy named Peter Cobb is missing from his ship. The name of the ship was not given, and no particulars of the missing man are available.

The prize distribution and concert at the Tutorial Institute of Hong Kong is to be held in the Hop Yat Hall, Bonham Road, on Tuesday evening next, at 7.30. Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., will distribute the prizes.

Three Chinese who are stated in a police report to have "fallen from a height," while working in the China Sugar Refinery at East Point, have been admitted into the Government Civil Hospital, as a result of their injuries.

Forthcoming weddings announced include:—Mr. Thomas Landale Christie, banker, residing at No. 6, Tregunter Mansions, May Road, and Miss Joan Isabel Margaret Mitchell, residing at No. 6, Granville Road, Kowloon; Mr. Heinrich Hermann Wilhelm Luer, merchant, residing at No. 6, Felix Villas, Hong Kong, and Miss Gertrud Elsie Harris, who is on her way to the Colony by the s.s. *Emil Airdorf*.

Letters of administration with the will annexed, in respect of the estate of Mr. Charles McCaslin, an American citizen, and late of Shanghai, who died at Tientsin on August 25th, 1927, have been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenlon, solicitor, the attorney of Mr. E. H. Dunning, Shanghai, the executor of the testator. Hong Kong estate is valued at \$230,000, and testator also leaves estate at Shanghai, the value of which is not known here. Two-thirds of the property is left to the widow, and one-third to his sister. This one-third reverts to a cousin of testator, with the request that he maintains his aunt and mother.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The water return for last month shows quite a satisfactory situation, the levels in the reservoirs being very much the same as they were this time last year. The figures for the different reservoirs were:

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1927.	1928.
Tytan	16' 6"	15' 2"
Tytan Byewash	25' 4"	23' 0"
Tytan Intermediate	1 w. 0"	2' 3"
Tytan Tuk	23' 1"	34' 0"
Wong Nei Chung	19' 0"	18' 3"
Pokfulam	21' 5"	22' 2"
L.w.o.—Level with overflow.		
The figures given show feet and inches below overflow.		
Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.		
Tytan	1927.	1928.
Tytan	239.41	239.32
Tytan Byewash	59	1.47
Tytan Intermediate	195.99	183.45
Tytan Tuk	918.42	722.00
Wong Nei Chung	10.51	11.20
Pokfulam	21.75	20.40
Total	1,403.71	1,297.64

Consumption.

The consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January was:

	1927.	1928.
Consumption	236.94	236.69
Estimated population	408,480	418,800
Consumption per head per day	17.9	18.4

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Eastern Street from January 1st to 30th inclusive.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Garden Road from January 8th to 30th inclusive.

Full supply in all districts on January 31st.

Full supply in all rider main districts from January 1st to 2nd excepting the districts west of Eastern Street an intermittent supply was given on January 1st and 2nd, 1928.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts from January 3rd to 31st excepting three days, 21st to 23rd, a supply supply was operated on account of Chinese New Year.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

	1927.	1928.
Kowloon Reservoir	14' 8"	7' 3"
Sheklapui Reservoir	1' 3"	1' 10"
Reception Reservoir	1 w. 0"	2' 2"
L.w.o.—Level with overflow.		
Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	1927.	1928.
Sheklapui Reservoir	217.24	281.19
Reception Reservoir	93.71	93.36
Total	311.15	374.65

Consumption.

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January was:

	1927.	1928.
Consumption	78.92	88.53
Estimated population	158,660	163,600
Consumption per head per day	15.4	17.4

Full supply in all districts during January 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

The total rainfall to January 31st was 1.88 inches compared with 0.31 for the same period last year.

"MERCENARY MARY."

BANVARD COMPANY SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESS.

A MUSICAL COMEDY WORTH SEEING.

There was a good house at Theatre Royal when the Banvard Musical Comedy Company presented "Mercenary Mary" last night. Those of the audience who went there with the sole purpose of chasing away their "blues" were not disappointed, for the play was one continual convulsion of laughter.

The music and dancing could not be better and every member of the chorus was given an opportunity to show her tenacious skill in the third act.

The play itself is splendid and the plot to get Mary compromised so as to get a divorce from her husband brought about so many complications that not only Mary had to suffer the consequences but also the "obliging friend" who undertook to put her in a compromising situation.

Jerry Warner (William Somers) is engaged to June Somers, an heiress (Claire Leslie), and her guardian, Sir Henry Somers (Lew Marks), will not sanction the marriage unless Jerry makes good.

It is at this situation that Christopher Skinner (Frank Atkinson) who is married to "Mercenary Mary" (Winifred Dulle).

Chris receives a letter from his grandpa (Victor Hagan) saying that as long as he is married to Mary, he would not have a cent of the family's property. As Jerry has to make good before he can get June and Christopher has to be freed from his wife before he can get his grandpa's money, both staked their last two thousand pounds to win a fortune. They met Harry Webster (G. G. Stapanian Thompson) who induced them to buy shares in the "Gusher Oil Co. of Texas." Later they were told that the oil company was a fraud. They became penniless and in order to help Christopher to take a divorce, Jerry undertook to compromise Christopher's wife, Mary.

A series of troubles befalls Jerry, caught with two other ladies and not with Mary. The shares, luckily turn out to be good and riches follow.

John Hagan who played the part of the patriarch, Great Grandpa Skinner, was a distinct success and his humour was most infectious.

Winifred Dulle, as Mary, had the leading role. Her histrionic talent is outstanding. She is also a comedienne of no mean merit. High praise must also be given to Victor Hagan who played the part of Mary's much tyrannised husband.

As for the songs, the most catchy and snappy was the duet "I am in love" sung by William Somers and Claire Leslie and chorus. Winifred Dulle sang excellently "I am a little bit fonder of you."

This splendid performance will be repeated this afternoon when a matinee will be given and also to-night.

There is not a dull moment in "Mercenary Mary" and those who admire pretty "mermaids" must see the chorus in the third act.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

GUEST AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

ON SIX MONTHS' LEAVE IN ENGLAND.

The Right Hon. Sir John Tilley, who is accompanied by Lady Tilley and their daughter Miss Edith Tilley, was among the passengers on board the s.s. *Kamu Maru*, which arrived here from the North yesterday morning, and sails for Europe this morning. Sir John Tilley and party were the guests yesterday of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), being met on arrival by Capt. Steele, A.D.C.

Sir John has been British Ambassador to Japan since 1926, succeeding Sir Charles Eliot, former Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong University. He was born in 1869, educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge, and entered the Foreign Office in 1893. Prior to coming to Japan, he was Ambassador to Brazil.

Lady Tilley is the eldest daughter of the late Sir William M. Cunningham.

Sir John is now going to England for a six months' leave of absence. During this period Mr. C. Dorman, Embassy Counsellor at Tokyo will be Acting Ambassador.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened further. It is nearly stationary over S.W. Japan. The monsoon will be interrupted along the S.E. coast of China and over the Western portion of the China Sea.

Local Forecast: Easterly or variable winds; moderate, generally cloudy.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES AND LAND LEASEHOLDERS ON C.E.R. ZONE.

STRONG PROTEST TO DICTATOR CHANG FROM BRITAIN, U.S.A., JAPAN AND FRANCE.

CHIANG KAI SHEK AND OTHER KUOMINTANG LEADERS LEAVE NANKING.

NORTHERN GENERALISSIMO SEEKING ARMISTICE WITH SHANSI'S GOVERNOR.

FOREIGN LEASES IN MANCHURIA.

STRONG JOINT PROTEST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Feb. 10th.

Britain, America, Japan and France yesterday entered a strong joint protest to Dictator Chang Tso Lin relative to the action of the Chinese authorities in North Manchuria towards leaseholders of land on the C.E.R. (Chinese Eastern Railway) zone.

Last December General Chang Huan Shang, the chief Chinese authority in that area, issued a proclamation declaring void all leases of territory in the railway zone which includes a considerable portion of Harbin City. He also demanded the handing in of the title deeds, whereupon new leases for 10 to 30 years from the current date would be issued whereas the greater portion of the land held were leases due to expire in 1933.

The proclamation also stated that the new leases were only transferable to persons without extraterritoriality.

The protest calls the attention of Chang Tso Lin's repeated declarations to the effect that foreign rights in territory under his control would always be respected.

KUOMINTANG LEADERS LEAVING NANKING.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 10th. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, General Chan Tiao Yuen and others who were attending the Kuomintang Conference at Nanking left that city for Hsuehchow yesterday by special train. Chiang's mission is stated to be to inspect the various fronts and consult the commanders on problems relative to the Northern campaign. The staff and officers of headquarters were preparing to leave Nanking for the North on the 10th inst.

SHANSI MILITARY CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 10th. A telegram from Taiyuefu, capital of Shansi, reports that General Yen Shih Shan summoned a military meeting on the 8th inst. and ordered his forces to counter-attack at Vok Luk (Shansi border). Heavy fighting along the Ching Tai Railway has continued during the last few days.

BOMBS THROWN AT DR. WU'S PARTY.

ATTEMPT TO KILL WU, SUN FO AND HU HAN MIN.

PLEA FOR CLEMENCY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 9th.

Two bombs were thrown at Dr. C. C. Wu's party, but nobody was injured. The assailant is alleged to be a Cantonese sent down from Shanghai by the Communists.

The assailant, when charged with the attempted murder of Lam Boon Keng, replied: "That is incorrect. I did not intend to kill Lam Boon Keng; I intended to kill Wu, Sun Fo and Hu Han Min." He was remanded in custody and it is understood that he confessed to the magistrate.

Dr. Wu, with the two others against whom the attempt was made, left for Colombo this morning. Dr. Wu before his departure wrote a letter to the Officer Administering the Government asking for clemency for the assailant.

DICTATOR CHANG AND AN ARMISTICE.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 10th.

Another report states that peace negotiations are continuing between Chang Tso Lin and Yen Shih Shan. Chang Tso Lin is reported to have offered to return the special districts of Charhar and Suiyuan if Governor Yen agrees to an armistice.

NORTHERN GENERALS AGAIN IN PEKING.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, February 10th.

General Sun Chuan Fang arrived at Peking on the 9th inst. Chang Tsung Chang may arrive on the 10th. Chang Tso Lin intends to consult them on measures of co-operation on the Shantung fronts against the Nationalists, who are preparing a general attack on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

General Sun Chuan Fang has re-organised his forces into three armies. Sun Chuan Fang himself takes the command of the 1st Army. General Cheng Tsun Yin the 2nd Army and Li Pao Cheng the 3rd.

PIRATES FOILED BY H.M.S. "BEE."

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

CHENGHIN, Feb. 9th.

Once again the activities of pirates have been foiled by the alertness of British Navy.

The latest incident is reported from the Yangtze, where H.M.S. Bee, a gunboat, while in the Upper River districts rescued three victims who fell into the hands of a band of pirates.

The Bee was about 17 miles below Chenghin, when she received a signal at 3 p.m. from seven large junks, which were an anchor. They reported that a number of armed pirates in a small steam vessel had attacked their junks and after looting the junks of all money, the pirates left the scene in their vessel taking captive a reputedly wealthy Chinese and two girls, to be held for ransom.

Fortunately H.M.S. Bee received the report in time to give chase and overhauled the pirate craft. The pirates when they saw that they were being overhauled made for the shore and escaped.

They were in such a hurry to get away from the gunboat's crew that they left their three captives behind. These were rescued by the Bee, and they are being returned to their homes in the Shansi district. It was reported to the gunboat that there were nine pirates in all.

JAPAN'S GENERAL ELECTION.

FILMS AND GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.

POLITICAL ESPIONAGE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, Feb. 10th.

Japan continues to be absorbed in the General Election campaign. Gramophone records of the speeches by the Premier have been distributed throughout the country by the Government Party. The Minister of Railways has gone one better and has had himself cinematographed in the act of making a speech and gramophone records made synchronising words and actions.

The Opposition party has appointed vigilance committees to watch and report irregularities by the Government Party, and the latter retorted by having the Opposition spies on and reported on. The result is an unending spectacle of political espionage and counter-espionage on an extensive scale, engendering much mutual ill-feeling.

THE RACE IN NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

DR. MURRAY BUTLER'S SUGGESTION.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Feb. 10th.

Speaking at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States, Doctor Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, suggested that in order to curb the Anglo-American Race in Naval Armaments the United States Government should inform Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan that if they were obliged as members of the League of Nations or as Locarno signatories to establish a blockade against an aggressor nation the United States would respect the blockade if not directed against a nation of the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Butler contended that thus special interests, both in Europe and America, would be recognised and huge naval armaments become unnecessary for the delicate and dangerous question of blockade was really behind all big Anglo-American naval discussions of recent years.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

PRES. COOLIDGE INVITED TO OTTAWA.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 10th.

Mr. Kellogg has left for Washington, bearing from Mr. King, the Prime Minister, an invitation on behalf of Canada to President Coolidge to visit Ottawa.

ROCKEFELLER SUMMONED. TO AID IN OIL INVESTIGATION.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10th.

Mr. John Rockefeller, junior, has been summoned to appear before the Senate in the Teapot Dome enquiry. The committee have no special question to ask, but they hope that Mr. Rockefeller with his inside knowledge of the oil business, may put the committee on the track of evidence that it lacks.

U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT FUNDS.

AMENDMENT REJECTED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10th.

The House of Representatives by 163 yeas to 71 rejected the amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill prohibiting Army transportation funds being sent to troops abroad without the specific authority of Congress.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY GALE. BOY KILLED BY FALLEN CABLE.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10th.

A violent gale tore off the top of Mount Lowe Observatory near Pasadena, and wrecked huge telescopes buildings in other cities. A 13-year-old boy was killed grasping a 400 volt wire which had been blown down.

NEW YORK SOCIETY WEDDING.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Feb. 10th.

Miss Margaret Kahn and Mr. John Barry Ryan were married quietly on the 9th inst. [The bride is the daughter of a well-known New York financier. The groom is a New York newspaper reporter - one who is closely related to another well-known financier.]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK RATE.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 10th.

The local Federal Reserve Bank has increased its discount rate to four per cent.

BRITAIN, AMERICA AND CHINA.

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 9th.

In the House of Commons, questioned whether further steps had been taken to co-operate with America in obtaining a peaceful settlement in China, Mr. Locker Lampson said there had been no change since he was similarly questioned on December 21st. Britain will still maintain close touch with the United States in all matters of joint interest in China, Mr. Locker Lampson added.

FAMOUS ENGLISH COMEDIAN DEAD.

"LITTLE TICH" NO MORE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 10th.

The death is announced of "Little Tich" the comedian.

[For many years there was no more popular English comedian than the droll and diminutive comedian "Little Tich." During the past twenty-five years he was easily one of the best known laughter-makers of the British music-halls. "Little Tich" balancing himself wonderfully on his toes and performing all sorts of clever and amusing antics. His patter, also, was exceedingly good.]

THE FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

HINKLER MAKING FINE PROGRESS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CAIRO, Feb. 10th.

Captain Hinkler has reached Tobruk and will continue to-day outside the Egyptian three-mile limit to Palestine or Iraq.

A BY-ELECTION.

LIBERAL GAIN AT LANCASTER.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 10th.

The Lancaster by-election caused by the elevation of Sir Gerald Strickland to the peerage has resulted as follows:

Mr. Tomlinson (Lib.) 14,838
Mr. Ramsbottom (Con.) 12,990
Rev. Davies (Lab.) 6,101.
This is a Liberal gain.

BAIRD TELEVISION TESTED.

IMAGES TRANSMITTED FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK.

CRUDE AND BROKEN BUT PLAINLY VISIBLE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, February 9th.

A pale picture of a face, as though printed on cloth fluttering in a breeze was projected on the wall of the London Headquarters of the Baird Television Company.

This "pilot image" was merely a dummy head turned into sound waves and sent droming like a bee across the Atlantic, where it was re-transformed into vision and seen by a group of people in a darkened basement at Hartsdale, New York. The latter after tuning in the receiving apparatus, with its aid transmitted the dummy, and then watched the movements of human heads.

First Mr. Baird himself, in a room flooded with light, faced a small square window apparently covered by a thin curtain agitated by a violent wind, turning his head to the left and right, and advancing and retreating in obedience to mysterious directions uttered by a loud speaker.

Then Reuter's representative "transmitted" in the same way.

The Other Side.
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]
HARTSDALE, February 9th.
The movements of two people in a London laboratory were watched for over half an hour. The images were crude and broken but nevertheless plainly visible. The "vision sound" was transmitted on short wave wireless, self, buzzing in irregular cadence and representing in sound the lights and shadows of the faces.

PROGRESS IN ARBITRATION NEGOTIATIONS.

DRAFT TREATY TO BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, February 9th.

Definite steps in the negotiations of the Anglo-American and Japanese-American treaties of arbitration have been taken by the State Department by forwarding to Britain and Japan copies of the original proposed draft of the Franco-American Treaty as a basis of discussion.

Copies were also despatched to the other Governments which asked for them, including Germany, but merely as a matter of information as negotiations with Britain and Japan are at present most important owing to the early expiry of the Root Arbitration Treaty with them.

TELEVISION. NOW A COMMERCIAL REALITY.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Feb. 10th.

Captain Hutchinson, managing Director of the Baird Television Development Company, London, announced that two-way public television service between London and New York would be opened before the end of the year.

FRENCH POLITICS.

M. POINCARÉ'S FISCAL POLICY APPROVED BY CHAMBER.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, Feb. 10th.

The Chamber of Deputies voted, by 370 yeas to 131 nays, in confidence in M. Poincaré's Fiscal policy.

The papers remark that the number of votes received exceeds by some 30 the biggest majorities previously obtained by M. Poincaré on vital questions, since the formation of his Cabinet.

Le Marin considers that the Parliamentary session is now virtually closed.

SINGAPORE BASE CONTRACTS.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT INVITES TENDERS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 9th.

The Evening News states that the Government has invited several well-known British firms to tender by the end of March for work connected with the Singapore base, approximately costing £4,000,000.

The work consists of extensive reconstruction scheme, and the construction of a wet and a dry dock. The work will be spread over seven years, primarily in order to reduce the annual charge, the latter of which is partly borne by the Dominions.

The charge falling on the Imperial Exchequer is not expected to exceed £300,000 annually. The armaments and workshops will form a separate contract which will not be arranged until the present work is well in hand.

GAMBLING LICENSED IN ITALY.

CASINO AT SAN REMO SANCTIONED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ROME, February 10th.

For "important political and economic reasons" public gaming tables are now for the first time officially allowed in Italy. Signor Mussolini, in sanctioning the Casino at San Remo, says that if Italians must gamble let them lose money at home.

The Casino is run by a company with a capital of £2,000,000 sterling which will pay San Remo nearly a quarter of a million annually.

NICARAGUAN OUTRAGE.

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL TAKEN PRISONER.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MANAGUA, Feb. 9th.

Mr. Harold Patterson, the British Charge d'Affaires at Managua, who recently received a letter from the British Vice-Consul at Matagalpa, asking for additional protection of the coffee plantations there against a feared raid by the forces of Gen. Sandino, has now been informed that Sandino has captured the British Vice-Consul.

It appears that the rebel general raided the coffee plantations, captured Mr. Alex. C. Potter, the British Vice-Consul, and is holding him prisoner.

Mr. Patterson is conferring with Mr. Eberhardt, the United States Minister, with regard to the steps to be taken to protect British lives and property in the Matagalpa district.

TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRSHIP SERVICE.

AMERICAN APPROVAL OF SCHEME.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, February 9th.

Mr. Hoover announced that the Government has approved of the trans-Atlantic airship scheme. American co-operation will begin with the first trial trip probably in about three months time.

THE SLUMP IN THE RUBBER MARKET AND ITS CAUSE.

GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AS TO INQUIRY REGARDED AS INOPPORTUNE.

"FLOOD" REALISATIONS EVIDENTLY STEMMED.

SHARE MARKET STEADIER.

LONDON, Feb. 10th.

The rubber market opened steady, and irregularities developed later; but the previous day's flood realisations appeared to have been stemmed.

Mining Lane dealers attribute the improved position to "second thoughts" on the possible effect of the Research Committee's inquiry on the market and also to the comparatively small fall in rubber prices in the United States.

The market here has not modified its view that the inquiry has been sprung on the industry at the wrong time; but there are hopes that possible changes may be introduced gradually and thus avoid disturbance.

The rubber share market is steadier owing to the attractive prices of some of the shares.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore To Visit Malay States.

LONDON, Feb. 10th. The Manchester Guardian says that Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, will shortly visit the Malay States to investigate the effect of the rubber export restrictions and other problems.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 9th. Mr. Baldwin's announcement that the Committee of Civil Research had been asked to consider the operations and effects of the rubber restriction scheme, came as a complete surprise to Mining Lane.

The immediate effect was the disorganisation of the market this morning, followed by a slump in the cash price for rubber from 1/5 1/2d. per lb. last night's figure, to 1/4 1/2d. per lb.

The Prime Minister's Assurance. In the House of Commons, Mr. Frank Nelson drew attention to the slump in the price of raw rubber as the result of the announcement that an inquiry was ordered into the Stevenson restriction scheme.

Mr. Nelson asked the Premier to take steps to expedite the enquiry, but Mr. Baldwin emphasised that the Committee must obtain a considerable amount of information before it reported to the Government on the subject.

INDIAN WOMEN. THE AGE OF CONSENT.

DELICATE PROBLEM.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

New Delhi, Feb. 9th. Three hundred Indian women delegates to the All-India Women's Educational Conference, the largest number of Indian women ever in the galleries of the Chamber, heard the proceedings of the Assembly on a private Indian member's Bill raising the age of consent of girls to sixteen and fourteen years, respectively, instead of fourteen and thirteen at present.

It was announced that the Government must oppose the Bill and must deal cautiously with the problem. It was decided to appoint later a committee composed of officials and non-officials to investigate the problem and also the question of child marriages.

FRANCE'S FINANCIAL POLICY.

CHAMBER'S VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, Feb. 9th. The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the French Government by 370 yeas to 120 at the conclusion of the debate on financial policy.

OIL PRICE WAR.

EFFECT OF AMERICAN OVER-PRODUCTION.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, Feb. 9th. Mr. A. S. Debenham, representing Sir Henri Deterding, arrived here aboard the Berengaria and declined to discuss the Standard Oil (New York) Co.'s purchases of oil from the Soviet. He declared that American over-production is the cause of the price war and unless this is remedied no amicable adjustment is possible.

Before the commencement of the case against Houghton, reported elsewhere, Mr. T. H. King, O.L.D., appeared before Mr. Lindell at the Magistrate's court on the case against the Nanking Boarding House for allowing their premises to be used for immoral purposes. He said that the Police had been criticised for laying traps, but he would like to make it known that the action of the Police was not only actuated by complaints received but also by instructions from higher authorities. He said that if that method were not restored to the Police would have to take other measures which would be more objectionable. In that particular case, complaints and reports had been received. Mr. Lindell said that when he made his remarks, he had no doubt that the police had acted after receiving complaints.

THE CAVELL FILM. THE FOREIGN OFFICE REPLY TO GERMAN EMBASSY.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 9th. The German Embassy in London has informally and verbally made representations to the Foreign Office in regard to the Cavell film. The Foreign Office replied that there was no political censorship of films in Great Britain. Films were censored only on moral grounds by the Film Censorship Board.

Any official or formal protest lodged with the Foreign Office will be forwarded to the Home Office.

INDIAN FORCES AND RACIAL DISTINCTION. "NO DISCRIMINATION."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

New Delhi, Feb. 9th. The Council of State has passed two Bills carrying out the recommendations of the Auxiliary and Territorial Forces Committee, removing all existing discriminations between the forces on racial grounds.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

OPENING ROUND OF CHALLENGE SHIELDS.

TO-DAY'S PROSPECTS.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.
China Athletic v. K.O.S.B.'s.
H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Barber.

Club de Récreio v. Hong Kong Police, King's Park ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.
R.A. v. South China, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.

JUNIORS.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
R.A. Reserves v. K.O.S.B.'s Reserves, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

China Athletic Reserves v. South China, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Scots Guards Reserves v. St. Joseph's "B", Chatham Road ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.
St. Joseph's "A" v. Hong Kong F.C. Reserves, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

In the event of the scores being equal after seventy minutes play, ten minutes extra each way will be played.

Hong Kong League: Division I.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.
Queen's Regiment v. R.A.F. Chatham Road ground. Referee: R.Q.M.S. Hutchins.

Scots Guards v. Hong Kong F.C. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Phillips.

Division II, "B."

Kick-off at 2.30.
Kung Woo v. Moslem Club, King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.
Boy Scouts v. Kowloon "B", South China ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

The Seniors.

With the opening round of the H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields competition, the football world is well catered for. In addition to three games in the Senior Competition and four in the Junior, there are four League games, two senior and two Division "B" games.

The China Athletic are to meet the K.O.S.B.'s on the H.K.F.C. ground. A large crowd is expected.

At the moment, there is little to choose between the teams although the Athletic have the better League record. While the Athletic seem to be at a standstill, the K.O.S.B.'s show signs of progressing and the show signs of progressing and the game to-morrow will be a try out of the better team. The Athletic beat the K.O.S.B.'s in a League game.

At Sookunpo, the R.A. receive South China on the Garrison ground. Neither team is consistent and anything may happen to-day. On recent form the Gunners should win, but they must have things serious from the first kick of the match.

The Shield game at King's Park between Club de Récreio and the Hong Kong Police should be worth seeing. The Police are a very old Shield fighting team and have brought off several surprises during the run of the Competition.

The Juniors.

In the Junior Division, the Scots Guards have entered a team. To-day they meet St. Joseph's "B" team on the Chatham Road ground. St. Joseph's will field most of their "B" league team and will stand little chance of victory against the Guardsmen.

The draw will be on the Hong Kong F.C. ground where the China Athletic receive South China. "B" There is little to choose between the teams, but the Athletic will be carried with the crowd and win.

The tussle between the Reserve teams of the R.A. and K.O.S.B.'s should be well fought out. On form the K.O.S.B.'s should win easily, but the Gunners made them go all the way to-night ago to win by the odd goal in three.

Hong Kong F.C. Reserves are due on St. Joseph's ground and the College team is expected to win after a well contested game.

The League.

In the Senior League, Hong Kong F.C. meet the Guards on the Kowloon F.C. ground. H.K.F.C. have played their best games at Kowloon this season and should extend the Guards on the Railway ground. The first meeting of these teams in the League ended in a draw of one goal all.

A fast game should be seen on the Chatham Road ground between the Queen's Regiment and the Royal Air Force in their return league game. The first meeting between these teams ended with a two goals win for the Queen's. The R.A.F. expected to reverse that result to-day.

In Division "B", Kowloon "B" visit South China ground and they should win against the Boy Scouts.

Kung Woo should take the points from the Moslem Club at King's Park.

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GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.21 a.m. L. C. P. Rees and C. Thwaites.
9.23 a.m. S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.

9.33 a.m. T. L. Christie and D. Forbes.
9.39 a.m. T. D. E. Pendered and W. Ironside.

9.40 a.m. R. Young and J. H. Little.
9.44 a.m. C. W. Jeffries and A. O. Brown.

9.48 a.m. C. L. Sandes and S. T. Butler.
9.52 a.m. W. D. Brown and A. Sommerfeldt.

9.56 a.m. H. C. Cox and W. K. Tait.
10.00 a.m. A. E. Lissaman and F. A. Redmond.

10.01 a.m. H. Rogers and F. G. F. A. L.
10.04 a.m. Capt. Erskine and H. G. Sheldon.

10.12 a.m. J. P. Sherry and J. K. Dykes.
10.16 a.m. G. C. Moxon and E. R. Hallifax.

10.20 a.m. D. G. Bruce and J. W. Robertson.
10.24 a.m. M. M. Maas and H. Spicer.

10.28 a.m. Capt. Ashby and J. E. Haig.
10.32 a.m. H. D. Brown and I. E. L. MacKay.

10.36 a.m. W. A. Butterfield and T. Low.
10.40 a.m. A. J. Frank and F. M. Ellis.

10.44 a.m. M. H. Ivy and A. Piercy.
10.48 a.m. N. Lloyd and X. White.

10.52 a.m. M. G. Mills and F. H. Sweeney.
10.56 a.m. I. H. Gane and L. R. Andrews.

11.00 a.m. F. Davidson and G. Davidson.
11.04 a.m. J. Coulthart and E. G. Ellams.

11.08 a.m. A. Leach and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.12 a.m. T. J. Draper and R. Sanger.

11.16 a.m. D. J. Valentine and W. K. Duncombe.
11.20 a.m. D. M. Goodall and J. H. Bottomley.

11.24 a.m. L. Yates and W. M. Lyons.
11.28 a.m. H. F. Bloxham and A. B. Raworth.

11.32 a.m. J. Cameron and N. H. Procter.
11.36 a.m. C. J. Waddell and A. Nicol.

11.40 a.m. A. B. Purves and C. C. Stark.
11.44 a.m. B. D. Evans and D. J. Gilmore.

11.48 a.m. R. L. Stewart and E. C. Streetfield.
11.52 a.m. R. P. Moodie and M. Hoare.

11.56 a.m. B. B. Anthony and Capt. Enock.
12.00 a.m. R. Gordon and A. D. Cranble.

12.04 a.m. R. D. Cromartie and H. Gravers.
12.08 a.m. R. M. Finlayson and Capt. Drysdale.

TO-MORROW'S EVENTS.

At Fanling to-morrow (Sunday) the second round of the Junior Championship will be decided. At Happy Valley Course the Police are playing a match against Taihook.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY CLUB v. NAVY II.

On Monday, at 3 p.m. at King's Park.

University: P. L. Tan, A. A. Runjahn, M. B. Osman, P. C. Lim, K. T. Loke (capt.), F. J. Zimmermann, G. E. Yeh, K. P. Gan, C. W. Lam, Y. C. Teh and V. Enok.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SOUTHERN DIVISION LEAGUE MATCH.

[THROUGH REVUE'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 9th.
In the Southern Section of Division III of the English Football League to-day, Charlton Athletic lost at home at Walsall. The score read:—

Charlton, 1; Walsall, 3.

St. Joseph's "B" v. Scots Guards.
On the Chatham Road ground at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

St. Joseph's: Aycock, Blanes and F. M. Silva; S. Reed, A. N. Omer, Barrios and Macraan; K. M. Omar, Barrios (capt.), S. M. Cruz, Blanes and Lazama. Reserves: Fernandez and Santiago.

Kowloon Reserves v. "Belgenland." This game takes place to-day on the Kowloon F.C. ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon: Slipper; Guest and Pazzo; Roberts, Bliss, and Blacklock; Pils, Dunnott, Spary, Miles, and Eastman. Reserves: V. Hunt and F. Nicholls.

CRICKET.

The following is the list of matches for to-day and to-morrow:—

TO-DAY.

League: Division I.
University v. Kowloon C.C.
Division II.
Recreio v. R.A.O.C.
Tamar v. Royal Navy.

Friendly.

Royal Navy v. Hong Kong C.C.
Hong Kong C.C. 2nd v. Garrison.
Kowloon C.C. 2nd v. University 2nd.

Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C.
Chinese R.C. v. R.A.S.C.
Craigengower v. Hong Kong Electric Co.

TO-MORROW.

Combined League v. Combined Schools (C.S.C.C. ground).
Indian R.C. "B" v. Bhora Merchants.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI v. KOWLOON C.C.

This League match takes place on the Home ground to-day at 2 p.m. sharp.

University: C. W. Lum (capt.), A. B. Runjahn, S. V. Gittins, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. D. Laing, W. Hong Sling, J. Barrow, A. P. Gutierrez, F. J. Zimmermann, E. A. Lee and A. T. Lee.

YACHTING.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

The programme in connection with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for this week-end is as under:—

To-day: 10th Championship Race for the racing yacht. Course: Stonecutters Island (S). Distance: 9 miles.

To-morrow (Sunday): Re-sail of 3rd Championship Race for the cruisers. Course: Cheung Chau (P). Distance: 25 miles.

HONG KONG DERBY PRICES.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES.

Odds have lengthened slightly against "Heir Apparent," who was quoted at 9 to 4 on Thursday and 5 to 1 on Friday.

Peak remains at 9 to 2 as against 10 to 1. November has dropped to 11 to 2 from 9 to 2. Young Pretender has changed from 50 to 1 to 100 to 1.

Yesterday's prices offered by Mr. Frank Haylor were:—

Peak, 9 to 2.
Pickle, 11 to 2.
Harlene, 50 to 1.

Moynagh, 50 to 1.
L. C. H., 100 to 1.
Blackstone Hall, 25 to 1.

Guild Hall, 60 to 1.
Manor Hall, 60 to 1.
Duke of Verona, 15 to 1.

Young Pretender, 100 to 1.
Heir Apparent, 5 to 2.
Sitting Bull, 6 to 1.

Bakers Bay, 20 to 1.
Coos Bay, 50 to 1.
Deepwater Bay, 50 to 1.

Monterey Bay, 12 to 1.
Comrade, 50 to 1.
Captain, 50 to 1.

New Year's Eve, 7 to 1.
Boxing Eve, 9 to 2.
Hish Mish, 100 to 1.

November, 11 to 2.
Handsome Stag, 100 to 1.
Winsome Stag, 7 to 1.

WOMAN AIR CHAMPION.

WORLD TROPHY FOR LADY BAILEY.

PARIS, Jan. 18th.
Lady (Abe) Bailey, the famous British flying woman, has been awarded the international trophy for women by the International League of Aviators for her altitude record for light airplanes.

She reached a height of 18,000 feet last July.

The jury of the International League, which adjudged in the matter decided against the claim put forward on behalf of Miss Ruth Elder, the airwoman who tried to fly the Atlantic.

She travelled with a man pilot, it was pointed out.

Colonel Lindbergh, the Transatlantic airman, was awarded the trophy for the outstanding airman of 1927.

Lady (Abe) Bailey is classified as the "outstanding woman aviator of 1927."

The league selected the following women to receive awards as representing their various nations:—

Great Britain: Flight-Lieutenant Webster, for his victory in the Schneider Trophy.

France: Lieut. Costes, for his South Atlantic flight.

Italy: Lieutenant the Marquis de Pinedo, for his South Atlantic flight and his tour of the United States.

Spain: Senor Florentino, for his flight to Spanish Guinea.

Holland: Lieut. Kuyper, for his flight to Batavia and return.—B.U.P.

Lady Bailey, who is the wife of the South African millionaire, took her pilot's certificate in 1923.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

There was nothing of interest to record yesterday morning at Happy Valley as only a few half miles were done with exception of Peck who did a mile in 2.13.1.

The form of most of the ponies is pretty well known and owners are now faced with the problem of selecting the most suitable races for their ponies. There will be a certain amount of sparring amongst them on this important question.

The probable starters for the Derby are Baring Eye (Pote Hunt), Heir Apparent (Haimovitch), November (Bulteel), Peck and/or Pickle (Heard and/or A. N. Other), Sitting Bull (Maitland), Winsome Stag (Harriman), Blackstone Hall (Wong), Duke of Verona (Reidy).

It would not surprise me if New Year's Eve and one other of the Dunbar stable also started.

The Valley will attract amongst other ponies, O'Moon, Erstwhile, Moynagh.

The following jockeys will be riding, namely, Heard (Messrs. Hynes and Mackie), Haimovitch (Mr. Dynasty), Maitland (Mr. L. Dunbar), Pote Hunt (Mr. "Eve"), Bulteel (The Paterson Stable), Charles (Mr. H. P. White and Mr. L. Dunbar), Reidy (Messrs. Dyer and Beith and K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee), Wong (Mr. Ho Kom Tong and Mr. Liang), Roza (Dr. S. T. Wong and others), Stanton (his own stable), Proulx (some of the "Eve" and other ponies), Wallace (Mr. Bernard's subs and other ponies), Clark (various ponies), and Sewell (Messrs. Hall and Shenton).

Pollock will be very much missed at the Meeting as the injury he sustained in the course and competitors may enter freely in the knowledge that they will not be required to cover tracks or paths which hold out a promise of real danger.

Each competitor will be allotted special number plates, numbers being given as entries are received. Further instructions to competitors as regards the fitting of these number plates will be issued, together with other matters pertaining to the Trial, at a later date. The entrance fee for all competitors is one dollar, and this amount, with a similar sum as deposit for the number plate, must be sent in with the entry form.

THE AWARDS.

As regards the awards there will be a silver cup for competition among the entrants from the Motor Cycle Section of the Volunteers and another cup confined to members of the Flying Squad. For competitors not in the Motor Cycle Section or Flying Squad the principal award will be a handsome silver cup, this being open to anyone taking part in the trial. It is possible that other awards will also be given in the open section.

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It will be seen, therefore, that it is possible for a competitor to win one of the individual awards and also to be in a team which qualifies for a team award.

The work of the organisers will be simplified if when individual competitors decide on team composition they send in giving the names of all three entrants competing as a team.

Another feature of the trial is likely to be a brake test, which, if included, will take place soon after the start and serve to demonstrate that the machines are not faulty as regards brakes. Some of the roads and paths included in the course will necessitate effective brakes and to show that machines are so equipped it may be possible to have a test soon after the start. This matter is now being considered by the Committee.

REASONABLE TIME BETWEEN CHECKS.

Competitors will be given a reasonable time to cover the distance between the checks and they will, of course, lose points if they are outside this time. The time limit given will be a reasonable one decided on after careful time and measurement have been taken on the course. Competitors will be required to pass through certain checks, but it has not yet been decided whether these will include any secret ones.

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MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL.

FOR RELIABILITY, NOT SPEED.

THE ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 11th.

Arrangements in connection with the Motor Cycle Reliability Trial organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. G. Swinburne.

Intending competitors are asked to secure entry forms and return them as early as possible as some details of the Trial cannot be arranged until the extent of the entry has been roughly decided. The work of the Committee will be simplified if intending competitors send in their entries at the earliest moment.

The Trial will start from the Volunteer Headquarters on March 11th at an hour to be arranged later, and competitors will follow each other at a given interval to be decided when entries have closed. As stated previously, the course will be eighty or ninety miles long and will include a number of paths usually closed to motor traffic. In order to guide competitors the route will be marked, giving little opportunity for competitors to stray from the course as outlined on the route card which will be issued to each competitor.

The trial will most likely be divided up into four laps, the third finishing at Statue Square. After that competitors will be required to complete a fourth and last lap, and it may be arranged so that this is traversed in darkness. In the latter event the last lap will not include roads or paths other than those normally used by vehicular traffic. It should be stressed once again that there will be nothing dangerous in the course and competitors may enter freely in the knowledge that they will not be required to cover tracks or paths which hold out a promise of real danger.

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VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

XMAS GIFT FUND, 1927.

INSTITUTIONS HELPED.

We have received a statement from Mrs. King, Hon. Secretary of the above Association, stating that:—An appeal for donations was made in the Press last November 17th, and in addition personal appeals were also sent out to which there was a very generous response resulting in a total of \$311, also several gifts of toys.

The following institutions have been helped:—

Blind Home, Kowloon City; C.M.S. Vernacular Day School; Netherlands Hospital; Government Civil Hospital; Causeway Bay School.

CANTON:—Piu Tai Women's School; Tat Fong School; Yeung Ling School; Church of Our Saviour Sunday School; St. Hilary's and Two Day Schools.

SHUI HING:—Shung Tak School; Boys' School.

YAI LING:—St. Thomas' School. PAKHOI:—Pakhoi School; Lin Chow; Shek Long; Cheung Lok; Long Shan; C.M.S. Hospital.

YUNNAN FU:—C.M.S. Hospital. The thanks of the Committee are due to Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., for the packing cases, also to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co. for shipping the goods free of charge. Thanks are also due to the children who brought toys to the Special Service held in the Cathedral on V.D.A. Sunday and to St. Peter's Church Group for their gifts of toys.

As gifts are now sent to adult patients in hospitals, including the lepers in Pakhoi Hospital it was decided at a meeting of the Standing Committee held on December 9th, 1927, to change the title of this fund from "Xmas Toy Fund" to "Xmas Gifts Fund."

HOT AND COLD.

THE MOON'S TEMPERATURE.

Should man actually reach the moon, he would freeze solid the instant the sun went down, astronomers declare. Experiments conducted in England, with heat-measuring instruments mounted on a huge telescope, showed that the temperature of the moon's rocks before a recent eclipse was 170 degrees Fahrenheit, but that a mark of nearly 100 degrees below zero was reached at the darkest part of the eclipse. The rapidly falling temperature during the lunar night is believed to be due to the fact that the moon has no air blanket to protect it.

In addition to the observers at the checks, etc., there will be travelling marshals who will have certain powers regarding the effective control of the trial as a whole. The rules include nothing with regard to speedometers or watches, and therefore competitors may carry these if they think any advantage is to be gained by the use of them.

The Committee responsible for the organisation of the trial consists of Lieut. J. E. Humeock (Chairman), Mr. E. G. Swinburne (Hon. Secretary) and Lieut. H. G. Williams (Hon. Treasurer). An Advisory Committee consists of Sgt. E. J. J. Spradbery, Sgt. R. K. Valentine, Corp. F. Cowherd, Pte. G. H. Bond and Pte. E. L. Groome.

RULES.

(1) This trial is open to members of the Motor Cycle Section, H.K.V.D.C., the Flying Squad, and all Europeans. Only solo motor cycles are allowed to enter.

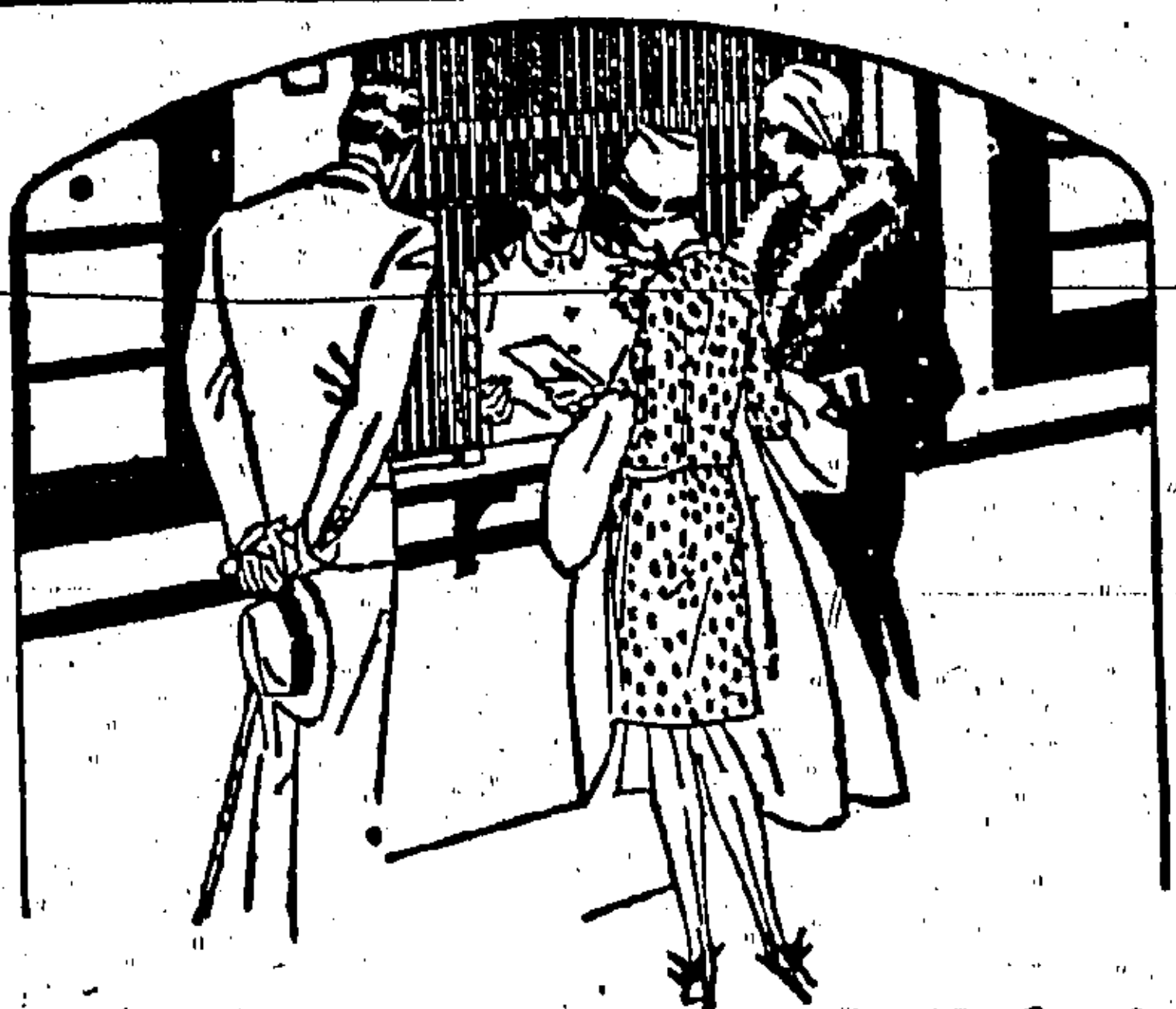
(2) The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry for any reason it may seem sufficient.

(3) The Committee also reserves the right to postpone or abandon the trial and to change the course without previous warning for any cause that may arise.

(4) Competitors must accept the ruling of the starters, marshals, observers and all other officials of the trial.

(5) The Committee will not be responsible for any damage caused to machines, or for any injury suffered by those competing in the trial.

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THE CINEMA OF TO-MORROW.

WHAT CHARLIE CHAPLIN BELIEVES.

GENIUS AND MAMMON IN A SHADOW SHOW.

[By PRINCESS ANTOINE BIBECSO.]

More than any other art, even than the theatre, the cinema suffers from being a magnificent commercial opportunity. The sums of money to be made attract the speculator, the sums of money to be expended demand the financier. Our books search for publishers, our pictures seek buyers, our symphonies hunger for orchestras, for these appeals are based on creations already in existence. We have not only given our inspiration, we have supplied our own pencils, our own paper, our own paints. We come laden with a masterpiece but unencumbered by a debt.

In the cinema the order of precedence is reversed. The quest is not for a man of taste who will buy, but for a man of faith who will invest. This man of faith is, alas! not a mystical believer in some undiscovered genius—if he were he would hardly possess the necessary capital—he is a man who has made money by knowing one of the things that the public wants and, therefore, imagines that he knows the public.

Of course, some of the pre-eminent figures of the film—Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford—have made the millions necessary to complete independence; that is to say, that they are independent of everything except their public. But the great commercial concerns, the studios that are responsible for the iniquities of the "block-booking" system are inevitably run by middlemen. In this respect, however, their directors are shining examples of virtue beside the black villainy of the exhibitors.

The Cinema is the youngest of the arts, but it was born in an age when the genius of man is put at the disposal of his impatience, when the speed of transportation is considered more important than the quality of the cargo. The telephone has taught us not to write, telegraphy has enabled us not to think. Mr. Ford has suppressed imagination by putting the horizon within reach of everyone. Why should we make up our minds, when it is so easy to change them?

Giant And Dwarf.

This is the atmosphere into which a new art was born. No wonder that at one moment we see a giant and at the next moment a dwarf. The only thing that we cannot expect to see is a child. The cinema was not so much asked to run before it could walk, it was put on to a moving staircase. Not the nice slow staircase, which enables us to hold on to our parcels and get off without spraining an ankle, but a staircase like a staircase in a nightmare, rushing upwards into space.

It is in some ways the very pace of its technical development that has interfered with the growth of the cinema. There is no material with which the artist can fumble. No inchoate mass which he can mould and make his own. Try as he may to establish a personal domination, he cannot escape the perfect photographer at his elbow. Every day some new device is put at his disposal. He is denied the stimulus of working out an idea. There are no technical difficulties to contend with, on the contrary, facilities are always lurking ready to pounce. What could be more trying than the feeling that your medium is waiting for you; that your conception is lagging behind some perfectly prepared scheme of execution?

The Director's Problem.

It is sometimes difficult to remember when criticising the cinema from an aesthetic point of view how many divergent and independent currents have to be merged into one stream. It is not a question even of gathering our own threads. Dropped stitches picked up by zealous experts reappear as part of the mesh.

There is the scenario, the "caption" writer, the photographer, the actor. How can the director pound them into a whole? How can he preserve his buds from a premature blossoming? Where is the possibility of tentative explorings when everyone is prepared at any moment to help a finished article into the world?

Look at the incomparable Rubens sketches at the late Flemish Exhibition, the genius, the delicacy, the completeness. How satisfactory they fulfil, how vividly they soar! Compare them with certain large Rubens pictures, or rather, to his own.

"Canvases," where a staff of pupils have added not only dots but "is." The film is condemned to a station inevitably, unavoidably. The question that confronts every director is how to mould, how to profit by his material without allowing himself to be dominated by it. Mechanical perfection is always awaiting ready to gobble up the hesitant experiments of the artist, and the sense that it is so difficult to fumble occasionally sterilises the imagination.

I am not suggesting for a moment that the camera plays an unduly important part in a film. Charlie Chaplin, it is true, maintains—he admires Dr. Caligari (almost my favourite of all films) and various other German pictures much less than I do—that he does not like to see the camera play a leading part in a film. "Why should it be looking through the keyhole?" he used to say. He believes that the camera is there to take photographs, but not to be one of the leading actors in a picture.

"What I like best," he said to me once, "is to think that when the film is over there is nothing left. Not so much as a scratch, just a blank sheet. The whole thing has been a shadow, non-existent, leaving nothing behind."

His imagination is fired by the thought of that return to the original blank. This is, I think, the basis of his liking for rather minute realistic photography. The detail and the precision delight him in contrast with their disappearance. The Germans, on the contrary, demand their two worlds to be co-existent, mixed, simultaneous.

Inspired Wisdom.

Only Charlie Chaplin is biased, for his genius has given him the power to create, with his own acting, a rhythm which most directors have to produce by the camera.

We have so often discussed these points. Perhaps discussion is not the word which describes a letting loose of waterfalls. We both of us had so many things to say! But, in spite of the fact that he with his inspired wisdom, and I with my semi-inspired ignorance, both knew everything, in spite of the fact that we were dear friends, in spite of the fact that we talked at the same time, we always both heard and listened.

Contrary to general belief, the silent rarely listen; if they did they would interrupt. These quiet people whom the dull choose as audiences are usually trying to remember a name or an engagement, unless they are making a plan. Had their minds, their minds would certainly be absent.

No one is interesting unless he is interested in himself, just as no one is interesting who is only interested in himself.

The many people who accuse Charlie Chaplin of being an egotist forget what not only they but the whole world would have lost without his personality. What are so-called defects but the accents on individuality? The ultimate question of true morality is, "Do I receive more than I give, or do I give more than I receive?"

Licensed Bullying.

How dare Mayors, Women's Clubs, Security Leagues, Kluxes, E.K.s, Talk Cadres, of Lebanon, Pink Goats, etc., issue edicts from a base of petty self-righteousness, of the inevitable and unchallenged virtue of licensed bullying? What are their excommunications based on if not on the desire of mediocrity to absolve itself from a necessity of recognising greatness?

It is an undoubted feather in the cap of the cinema that probably for the first time in history a genius has been hailed with equal enthusiasm by the civilised and the uncivilised, by those who pretend to think, those who do not pretend to think, and those who do think.

In spite of the distaste of the self-conscious intelligent, in spite of the mistrust of the much maligned general public (for they clever would often be right if they were more chary of expression, and the stupid are nearly always right when they let themselves go), a common genius has been found.

Where the great fear to tread and fast to enter, in some secret corner of our inner heart inevitably given over to the unknown glory of some obscure personal love—Charlie Chaplin has come to his own.

MAN WHO CANNOT CATCH COLD.

INUNDATED WITH LETTERS.

MANY PROPOSALS OF MARRIAGE.

THE DOCTOR'S EXPLANATION.

The *Daily Press* published a few days ago an article from the *Daily Express*, under the heading "man who cannot catch cold," containing extracts from a contribution to the *Lancet* by Mr. Mark Clement, of the Department of Physiology, Middlesex Hospital. Mr. Clement now writes:—

To the Editor of the *Daily Express*. Sir.—I was very surprised and annoyed at the flood of correspondence that has reached me at the hospital as a result of your article on my communication to the *Lancet* concerning the subject of "Recurrent Colds."

I wrote exclusively for a medical journal, and did not expect to see passages of my article snatched out of their context and presented to the lay public as my comprehensive views on the prevention of common colds.

Only one aspect of my theories was given to the public, who are now under the impression, judging from the shoal of letters I have received, that the secret of immunity from colds lies in giving up wearing underclothes. Saneta Simplicitas! Nothing could be more ridiculous and unscientific than such a simple notion.

In my article I certainly stressed the sartorial factor, but I also emphasised the dietetic aspect of the question, which I consider equally, if not more important. I also pointed out Sir Clifford Allbutt's views on the "toilet of the nose," and my own method of prophylaxis in that particular direction.

It is essential to bear in mind that the problem of immunity, like all medical problems, is extremely complicated, and any one-sided explanation is always worse than none at all.

Scepticism.

In these days of universal publicity it is well that the public should realise that scepticism is the soul of science, and that progress can only thrive on doubts and criticism, for nothing is more dangerous than the stagnation of certitude in any sphere of human activity. Although I have personally attained a remarkable state of immunity from colds and infectious diseases, I am doubtful to what extent it is due to any one factor, sartorial, dietetic, or physiological. It may all be due to mother's milk!

I do think that people overdress, overeat, and over-drink, and will continue to do so till the crack of doom, in spite of the great health prophets from Moses to Bernard Shaw. It is all a matter of imagination and cultural values which are more innate than acquired.

Health has been aptly defined by a great French physician as the "ability to resist disease." It is often a dependent of great muscular power and robust physical economy which form the popular conception of the "picture of health." In fact, it is not as simple as that.

The relationship between cause and effect is an extremely intricate one, and superficial explanations are most misleading. Pasteur, who revolutionized medical science, bequeathed us a truly wonderful motto which every scientist repeats to himself whenever he is experimenting: "Beware of conclusions."

Proposals Handed To His Fiancée!

It is of course impossible for me to reply to the multitudinous inquiries I have received from enthusiastic health devotees on this question. It is also evident that Leap Year has fallen upon us with proposals from different parts of the country to my fiancée, and all the ladies concerned will hear something to their disadvantage in due course.

(Signed) MARK CLEMENT.
Department of Physiology,
Middlesex Hospital, W.

HANDSHAKE IN COURT.

REGISTRAR'S RUSE TO TEST STATEMENT.

"Shake hands," said Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court to a defendant who said he was recently out of work and could not pay a small debt.

The man, rather surprised, held out his hand which the Registrar grasped and held.

Mr. Registrar Friend: You call yourself a general labourer, but it's a long time since you did any work. You don't think I shook hands with you for a joke, do you? It is a very long time since you did any work!

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SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KING YUAN"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DAINI	"KANGHOU"	On 12th Feb.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"TAMING"	On 12th Feb.	8 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 12th Feb.	8 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 12th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIKONG	"CHENAN"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
WUHAIR, CHENGPO & TIENTSIN	"KURICHOW"	On 12th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DAINI	"KANGHOU"	On 12th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 20th Feb.	8 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 22nd Feb.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 24th Feb.	7 a.m.
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	PASSENGERS.	BETTING ON HYMNS.
February 9th. Chungking, Chinese str., 447 tons. Capt. Kwok Shan, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Yau Lee Nav. Co.	Per s.s. <i>Narland</i> , from Hamburg and Singapore, for Hong Kong, on February 10th.—Mr. Gunther von Ehren, Mr. Karl Heinrich Kanter, Mrs. Anna Kanter. Cabin passengers in transit:—Dr. Guido v. Maltitz, Mr. G. Friedemann, Mrs. C. Friedemann, Renate Friedemann, Mr. Eustachio Esteban, Mr. Giuseppe Hickey, Dr. Schang Jui Yuan, Mr. Hermann Moots, Mr. J. G. van Rijn, Mr. R. von Oppen, Mrs. E. von Oppen, Mr. J. L. Freeman, Mrs. M. Freeman, Julia Freeman.	CLERGY TO CONSIDER BAD BEHAVIOUR IN CHURCH. Young Welschmen are always fond of a "butter." It is even declared that, when piously walking to church, they lay odds with one another whether or not certain hymns will be sung. Such, at all events, is the allegation of a number of mid-Glamorgan clergy, and this church betting does not finish with their complaints about the irreverence of the younger members of their congregations. Young women (they say) pull out their powder-puffs during prayers and powder their noses. Empty powder-boxes are thrown under the pews. Young men use the hymn books to make mocking sketches of the parson or other conspicuous worshippers. As a rule their artistic levities are indulged in while the congregation are kneeling. The position, declare the clergy, has got so bad that they are holding a conference to decide what is to be done.
February 10th. Belgenland, British str., 1,132 tons. Capt. W. A. Morehouse, from Keelung, which port she left on February 8th, lying at buoy No. A1.—B. & S.	Per s.s. <i>Kamo Maru</i> , from Japan via Shanghai, on February 10th.—Mr. T. Takemasa, Mrs. M. Takemasa, Mrs. M. Takemasa, Master K. Takemasa, Miss C. Takemasa, Master S. Takemasa, Mr. G. Shima, Mrs. O. Shima, Lt.-Col. F. Hodson, Mrs. M. L. Macfie, Mr. B. C. Guy, Mr. K. Wise, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mr. I. W. Nordovich, Mr. J. P. Douke, Mr. H. Tiedenhof, Mr. L. V. Sjostedt, Mrs. F. Beer, Mr. T. Egawa, Mr. K. Mitsui, Mr. Ng Kim Tok, Mr. Kwan Wai Hung, Mr. S. Tamada, Mr. S. Yamada, Mr. S. Horio, Mr. R. Sudzuki, Mr. H. Kubosawa, Mr. N. Nilson, Mr. J. Tawa, Mr. T. Emura, Mr. O. Fujiki, Mr. J. Iwanaga, Mr. M. Kosekawa, Mr. E. H. Schultz, Mr. Katubira, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nemoto, Mr. W. Date, Mr. Y. Nakano, Mr. K. Masuda, Mr. H. Nishimura, Dr. H. Pittmeier, Miss Edward, Mr. M. Nakajima, Mr. P. E. Ringer, Mrs. A. E. Ringer, Mr. A. O. Hyland, Mr. S. Iden, Miss T. Snare, Mr. F. S. Grentzer, Mrs. T. Miyagi, Master G. Miyagi, Mrs. E. Miwa, Master K. Miwa, Mr. A. H. Roach, Mr. A. Furuya, Mr. K. Hirawawa, Mr. Dowkin, Mr. S. Morioka, Mr. J. W. Arthur, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. A. J. B. Nicholson, Mr. T. Bruns, Mr. J. E. Coventon, His Excellency The Right Hon. John Tilley, Lady Tilley, Miss Edith Tilley.	HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. Hong Kong Observatory, February 10th. Previous On Date On Date Day at 2 p.m. 8 a.m. 2 p.m. Barometer... 30.13 29.93 29.99 Temperature... 58 58 64 Humidity... 79 82 80 Wind... Direction... E ENE ESE Force... 4 3 4 Weather... 0 0 0 Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00 Largest open-air Temperature, 9th: 69 Lowest open-air Temperature, 10th: 58 Blue sky; O-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.
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FOR FEBRUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 12th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

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KORE via MOJI	"YUENSANG"	Satur., 11th Feb., at Noon
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KORE	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 17th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KORE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"YATSHING"	Tues., 14th Feb., at 11 p.m.
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M.S. "Asia"	27th February	5th April
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.
THROUGH CARGO FAIR.

With only fourteen vessels arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday morning, the freights manifested for this port were again low, while the through cargo although some what lower than the previous day was fair.

There were 7,728 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong, of which 1,632 tons were contributed by two British vessels.

The two best returns were shown by the *Taisei Maru* (Japanese) from Kotaka and Port Arthur with 3,350 tons, and the *Saale* (Norwegian) from Singapore with 1,500 tons.Through cargo amounted 17,527 tons of which four British vessels contributed 7,563 tons. The two best returns were shown by the *s.s. Tilmara* (British) and the *s.s. Vimala* (Italian).

The former arriving from Calcutta and Singapore carried 6,803 tons, while the latter from Yokohama and Shanghai with 5,500 tons.

Arrivals And Departures.

The following were the arrivals and departures during the period under review:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	9
Japanese	3	5
Chinese	3	4
French	1	0
Italian	1	0
Norwegian	1	0
American	0	1
Swedish	0	1
Total	14	20

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jackson, Feb. 13th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, to-morrow.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Durban, March 18th.

City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.

City of Bombay, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlisle, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Athens, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 25th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Adenra, Feb. 13th.

Autolysus, Feb. 20th.

Hector, Feb. 21st.

Achilles, Feb. 29th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 29th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Caledonia, Mar. 5th.

Sarpidon, Mar. 8th.

Rhesus, Mar. 16th.

Teiresias, Mar. 18th.

Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.

Menelaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 5th.

Protesilaus, April 10th.

Phemius, April 11th.

Agamemnon, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 24th.

Ulysses, April 25th.

Machaon, May 2nd.

Teucer, May 22nd.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, Mar. 9th.
Changte, April 6th.
British-India and Apear Line.Takada, to-day.
Tatma, Feb. 16th.
Talamba, Feb. 24th.
Takiwa, Feb. 25th.Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Russia, Feb. 23rd.
Doddwell & Co.Romolo, March 1st.
Tugela, March 9th.Dollar Steamship Line.
President Van Buren, to-day.
President Pierce, Feb. 13th.East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Australia, Feb. 14th.
Aria, Feb. 27th.Africa, Mar. 30th.
Malaga, April 15th.
Danmark, May 25th.Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Mar. 5th.
Arakura, April 2nd.Glen Line.
Glenluse, Mar. 2nd.
Carmarthenshire, March 7th.Glenparry, March 16th.
Glenlara, April 6th.Hamburg-America Line and Hugo Stinnes Linie.
Havelland, Feb. 25th.
Emil Kivdorff, Feb. 26th.Havensstein, March 7th.
Scheer, Mar. 12th.
Carl Legien, March 23rd.Java-China-Japan Lijn.
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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

ENGINEERS' GUILD MEETING.

[BY LONGHOREMAN.]

A meeting of the Hong Kong branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held at the Guild Office, No. 67, Des Voeux Road Central, on Monday, at 6 p.m.

Water Restrictions At Wharves.

The supply of water to all wharves in the City of Victoria, Hong Kong, will be turned off, and will remain cut off while the present restrictions on the Colony's water supply continue in force.

The "Chuen Chow."

It is reported that the *s.s. Chuen Chow*, one of the river steamers, has been disposed of to another river boat company for the sum of \$30,000.

Home Mail.

Home mail via Negapatnam, and dated London, January 12th, arrived by the *s.s. Starland* yesterday. The mail bags numbered 77 and comprised United Kingdom letters only. Papers of the same date, and coming via the same route, are due on the *Karmala* on Monday. To-day, the *President Van Buren* is due with Home and Europe mail via Siberia, as well as Northern and American mails.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday morning numbered 781.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*; South Wall Basin, *Peterel*, *Cicada*, *Gannet*; East Wall Basin, *Nessus*, *Tern*, *S/Ms. L.S. L.10*; North Arm, *Ambrose*, *Hollyhock*, *S/Ms. L.S. L.10*, *Herald*, *S/Ms. L.S. L.10*; No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 3 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 4 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 7 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 8 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 10 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 11 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 12 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 13 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 14 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 15 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 16 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 17 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 18 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 19 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 20 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 21 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 22 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 23 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 24 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 25 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 26 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 27 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 28 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 29 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 30 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 31 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 32 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 33 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 34 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 35 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 36 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 37 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 38 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 39 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 40 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 41 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 42 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 43 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 44 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 45 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 46 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 47 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 48 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 49 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 50 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 51 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 52 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 53 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 54 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 55 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 56 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 57 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 58 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 59 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 60 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 61 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 62 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 63 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 64 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 65 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 66 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 67 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 68 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 69 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 70 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 71 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 72 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 73 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 74 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 75 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 76 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 77 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 78 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 79 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 80 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 81 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 82 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 83 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 84 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 85 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 86 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 87 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 88 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 89 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 90 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 91 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 92 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 93 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 94 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 95 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 96 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 97 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 98 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 99 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 100 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 101 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 102 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 103 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 104 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 105 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 106 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 107 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 108 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 109 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 110 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 111 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 112 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 113 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 114 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 115 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 116 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 117 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 118 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 119 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 120 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 121 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 122 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 123 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 124 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 125 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 126 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 127 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 128 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 129 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 130 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 131 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 132 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 133 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 134 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 135 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 136 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 137 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 138 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 139 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 140 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 141 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 142 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 143 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 144 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 145 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 146 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 147 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 148 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 149 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 150 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 151 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 152 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 153 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 154 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 155 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 156 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 157 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 158 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 159 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 160 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 161 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 162 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 163 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 164 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 165 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 166 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 167 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 168 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 169 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 170 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 171 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 172 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 173 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 174 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 175 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 176 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 177 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 178 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 179 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 180 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 181 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 182 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 183 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 184 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 185 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 186 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 187 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 188 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 189 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 190 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 191 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 192 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 193 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 194 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 195 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 196 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 197 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 198 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 199 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 200 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 201 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 202 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 203 Buoy, *Argus*

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
SHANGHAI & SWATOW	Shantung ...	11th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, & Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren ...	11th Feb.
EUROPE via SIBERIA	Takada ...	11th Feb.
AMOI	Kamada ...	11th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPITAN (passengers only)	Pres. Jackson ...	13th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & SHANGHAI	Pres. Pierce ...	13th Feb.
MANILA	Sphinx ...	14th Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Bookang ...	14th Feb.
SAIGON	Tango Maru ...	14th Feb.
STRAITS	Khyber ...	14th Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Hakone Maru ...	15th Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Mukima Maru ...	15th Feb.
STRAITS	Hector ...	21st Feb.
JAPAN	Hector ...	21st Feb.
SHANGHAI	Hector ...	21st Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Russia ...	23rd Feb.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Katori Maru ...	24th Feb.
STRAITS	Swiza Maru ...	4th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, B. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th March.	Kamo Maru ...	Saturday, 11th.
SAIGON	Yuan Jeng ...	8.45 A.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yuan ...	9.30 A.M.
Japan	Yuan ...	10.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Yuan ...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow	Yuan ...	12.30 P.M.
SAIGON	Yuan ...	12.30 P.M.
STRAITS	Yuan ...	2.30 P.M.
Manila	Yuan ...	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Yuan ...	5.00 P.M.
Straits	Yuan ...	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Yuan ...	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiang ...	Sunday, 12th.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kiang ...	9.00 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Kiang ...	9.00 A.M.
Daly	Kiang ...	9.00 A.M.
Tourane	Kiang ...	9.00 A.M.
Manila	Kiang ...	Monday, 13th.
Swatow	Kiang ...	1.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 24th March, & Europe via SIBERIA	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th February	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiang ...	Tuesday, 14th.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kiang ...	8.30 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Kiang ...	9.00 A.M.
SAIGON, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 16th March	Kiang ...	1.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 4th March, & Europe via SIBERIA	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Manila	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kiang ...	2.30 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid \$50,000,000
 Reserve Funds:—
 Sterling \$8,000,000
 Silver \$13,500,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000
 HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Court of Directors:

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD, Chairman.
 A. H. COOPER, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
 W. H. Bell, Esq., J. S. Mackie, Esq., N. S. Brown, Esq., W. L. Patterson, Esq., A. Macgregor, Esq., T. G. Wall, Esq., H. P. White, Esq., Chief Manager.
 Hon. Mr. A. C. HYMAN.

BRANCHES:—
 Amoy, Hongkong, Peking, Bangkok, Shanghai, Penang, Batavia, Yokohama, Rangoon, Bombay, Calcutta, Kobe, San Francisco, Canton, Kowloon, Singapore, Cebu, London, Lyons, Saigon, Haiphong, Hankow, Harbin, New York, Yokohama.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
 Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [28]

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
 For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. C. HYMAN, Chief Manager.
 Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2]

EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS
 U.S. \$3,500,000.00

HEAD OFFICE: 37, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

An American Bank offering complete Foreign Banking Service in the principal markets of the world. Interest Allowed on all Deposits. Rates on Application.

A Subsidiary of THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

Total Resources in excess of U.S. \$537,000,000.00.
 D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

Authorized Capital, Guilders 150,000,000. (212,500,000).
 Paid-Up Capital, Guilders 80,000,000. (26,666,670).
 Reserve Fund, Guilders 40,000,000. (23,333,333).

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.
 Eastern Head Office—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:—Batavia, Bencoolen, Bontoe, Borneo, Calcutta, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Penang, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up... Yen 100,000,000
 Reserve Fund... Yen 96,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT: Alexandria, Batavia, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Penang, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34]

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT: Alexandria, Batavia, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Penang, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1854.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
 Reserve Fund £4,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:—ALOR STAR, Ipoh, Seremban, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Rangoon, Saigon, Shanghai, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted. CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. R. GEORGE, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 6th Jan., 1928. [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
 HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid up... Frs. 50,000,000
 Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000
 Reserves... Frs. 15,304,965

BRANCHES:—Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Saigon, Haiphong, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Shanghai.

FRANCE: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, Banque de l'Indochine, Banque d'Algérie, Banque d'Oran, Banque d'Alger, Banque d'Annaba, Banque d'Orléans, Banque de Rouen, Banque de Caen, Banque de Lille, Banque de Valenciennes, Banque de Douai, Banque de Arras, Banque de Amiens, Banque de Compiègne, Banque de Reims, Banque de Metz, Banque de Strasbourg, Banque de Mulhouse, Banque de Colmar, Banque de Belfort, Banque de Nancy, Banque de Luxembourg, Banque de Brabant, Banque de Flandre, Banque de Hainaut, Banque de Liège, Banque de Namur, Banque de Bruxelles, Banque de Anvers, Banque de Gand, Banque de Bruges, Banque de Ostende, Banque de Antwerpen, Banque de Rotterdam, Banque de Amsterdam, Banque de Haarlem, Banque de Dordrecht, Banque de Utrecht, Banque de Groningen, Banque de Eindhoven, Banque de Tilburg, Banque de Maastricht, Banque de Venlo, Banque de Heerlen, Banque de Sittard, Banque de Kerkrade, Banque de Roermond, Banque de Vught, Banque de Oss, Banque de Nijmegen, Banque de Arnhem, Banque de Enschede, Banque de Twente, Banque de Overijssel, Banque de Friesland, Banque de Drenthe, Banque de Groningen, Banque de Eindhoven, Banque de Tilburg, Banque de Maastricht, Banque de Venlo, Banque de Heerlen, Banque de Sittard, Banque de Kerkrade, Banque de Roermond, Banque de Vught, Banque de Oss, Banque de Nijmegen, Banque de Arnhem, Banque de Enschede, Banque de Twente, Banque de Overijssel, Banque de Friesland, Banque de Drenthe.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Correspondents throughout the world.

A. ROLLIN, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 1st January, 1928.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000
 Subscribed Capital £1,800,000
 Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
 Reserve Fund and Rest £1,345,987

BRANCHES:—The Bank of England and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:—Bangkok, Kandy, Penang, Batavia, Hongkong, Port Louis, Canton, Kowloon, Rangoon, Calcutta, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai, Cebu, Kuantan, Simla, Hong Kong, Madras, Sourabaya, Harbin, New York.

HONG KONG BRANCHES:—Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
 Hong Kong, 18th April, 1927. [29]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Special authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital 12,780,800.00
 Reserve Fund 9,864,368.69

HEAD OFFICE:—PEKING

Hong Kong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—THE GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LTD.

New York Bankers:—THE EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION, THE IRVING COLUMBIA TRUST CO.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

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CH. LEM, Manager.
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